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American navy catches Iranian mine-laying vessel 'red handed'

President Khamenei of Iran berating the Americans at the United Nations yesterday for what he claimed was an attack on a "merchant ship"; and the mines found on the vessel by a United States Navy boarding party (Photograph: BBC TV).

Iranians threaten vengeance on US

From Michael Binyon and Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

President Khamenei of Iran yesterday denounced the US attack on an Iranian ship in the Gulf as an "abominable act" and gave a warning that the consequences would not be limited to the Gulf.

In an address to the United Nations General Assembly, he said that the US would receive "a proper response". The attack, he added ominously, marked the beginning of a series of events for which the US would bear responsibility.

He said a US battleship had fired on an Iranian merchant ship and four Iranians had been "murdered" and two wounded. US claims that the ship had been laying mines were "a pack of lies".

His angry denunciation prompted an immediate walkout by the US delegation. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, boycotted the entire speech in protest at the Iranian attack on the Gentle Breeze.

President Khamenei called the latest flare-up a direct result of the Security Council's failure to take proper measures against Iraqi aggression.

President Reagan yesterday defended the US helicopter attack on the Iranian boat laying mines, saying it was justified under international law. He accused Tehran of exacerbating the Gulf conflict.

"We did what was authorized by law any place in international waters," he said before his meeting with President Arias of Costa Rica.

Asked whether the attack would make the situation more explosive, he replied: "The only one contributing to any explosive tendencies in the Gulf is (Ayatollah) Khomeini and the government of Iran."

President Khamenei, meanwhile, accused the United States of pushing the United Nations Security Council into "an indecent, condemnable position" over its recent moves to end the Gulf War.

He said war had been imposed on Iran. The Security Council was not being impartial because it had failed to condemn explicitly Iraq's initial aggression against Iran.

"Therefore, one may say that the foundation of the security supported by such a Security Council is nothing but a nice looking house of cards. The nations of the world, especially the peoples of the Third World who wish to remain independent of the superpowers, may never have their security guaranteed by such a Security Council."

Because of the presence of the US and its allies, under pressures from "the arch Satan", the Persian Gulf had turned into a dangerous powder keg. The threatening military presence was "yet another clear manifestation of the American regime's hostility towards the Iranian people".

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President Khamenei did not openly reject the Council Resolution 598, calling for a ceasefire. But he refused to give the unequivocal response which President Reagan demanded from him in his speech on Monday.

Instead, he gave a long and impassioned justification of Iran's revolution, a denunciation of Iraq and a catalogue of the "very bitter, bloody and evil chapter" that was "saturated with American enmity and grudging hostilities towards our nation".

President Reagan had earlier called the attack "symbolic of their barbarism". Yesterday, he denied that the latest incidents in the Gulf had drawn the US into a shooting war and said he would not invoke the War Powers Act, giving Congress a say in the deployment of US troops.

Asked if he feared Iranian retaliation, Mr Reagan said: "Not really." He did not think anyone could predict how long the hostilities between Iran and Iraq would continue.

President Khamenei's refusal to give a clear response yesterday on a ceasefire now opens the way for the US and its allies to press for an immediate Security Council arms embargo. The mood among the Western delegates was tense here, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, among others, is expected to underline the urgency of swift and concerted action against Iran in his address today.

Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, continued consultations with US allies and other Foreign Ministers yesterday and was expected to raise the Gulf crisis. He said on Monday that he had no objection to meeting President Khamenei directly.

President Khamenei, who made much of Islamic solidarity and its fundamentalist revolution in his speech, distributed as a published book to the press, was expected to continue to lobby hard to prevent the imposition of UN sanctions.

Thatcher outraged by attack on tanker

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday expressed outrage over Iran's attack on a British-registered tanker and said a protest would be made at the United Nations.

Iran's sole diplomat in London, Mr Muhammad Mahdi Akhoond-Zadeh Basti, was called to the Foreign Office for a severe rebuke. Britain has also asked Swedish diplomats, who look after its interests in Tehran, to lodge a high-level protest.

The Americans put all their diplomatic missions on special alert — a measure seen as a precaution against possible reprisals after the US Navy's attack on an Iranian ship, which closely followed Tehran's action against the British vessel.

But the stress was on venting Britain's anger rather than on action. There was nothing to suggest an early change in the Government's overall approach to the Gulf crisis, which remains far more cautious than that of Washington.

Defence sources said that, "for the moment", the Armilla Patrol would continue its present pattern of operations. But contingency plans have been prepared should there be further attacks on British shipping.

During a visit to Wolverhampton, the Prime Minister

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Captured crewmen are put on display in Gulf

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

Iran yesterday promised to retaliate against the Americans for their "crime" of attacking an Iranian naval vessel in the Gulf on Monday night. But the US Navy has found what appears to be incontrovertible evidence that the Iranians had been using the ship to lay mines in the international sea lanes of the Gulf.

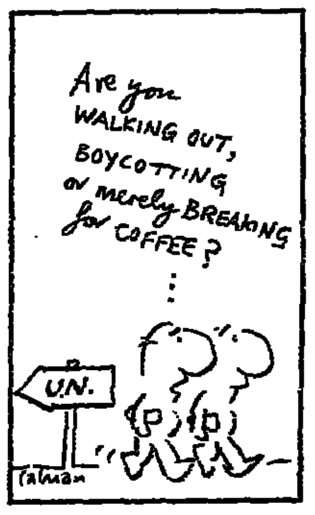
The Iranian warning — from Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament — was couched in vague terms which naturally led American diplomatic staffs in the Middle East to fear that they may soon be the renewed target of car-bomb attacks and assassinations.

But Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani's condemnation was milder than might have been expected, probably because of the weight of evidence that Iran had been doing exactly what it has always said it was not doing — laying mines for merchant shipping in the Gulf.

At least 10 large black-painted mines, bearing the serial number "MOS", were discovered near the stern of the crippled Iranian vessel Iran Ajr, with a special slide attached to the deck so that the crew could launch them into the sea.

American reporters taken on board the captured ship yesterday evening less than 24 hours after it was attacked by two US helicopters found bullet holes riddling the deck, cabins and bridge structure, with trails of blood running along the galleyways.

Some bullets had even smashed through the mines, believed to be of the same Russian manufacture as the devices which destroyed a supply boat in the Gulf of Oman in July, killing six of the crew including its English captain. Three of the 30-man Iranian crew were killed in the American attack, two more are missing believed dead, and four wounded — two so badly that they were transferred to the American helicopter carrier Guadalcanal for surgery.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Ten Iranian crew members, including two of the wounded, were later seen by journalists, roped together and lying on the deck of the American command ship La Salle, each dressed in a La Salle T-shirt and under guard by US Navy personnel holding automatic rifles. The Americans claimed that their helicopters had caught the Iranians red-handed as they were dropping mines into the Gulf sea lane 50 miles north-east of Bahrain.

The assault on the 180-foot vessel — which the Iranians first claimed was an innocent cargo ship but then admitted had been drafted into naval service — last night provoked another near-confrontation in the Gulf when an Iranian Hovercraft approached the captured Iranian vessel as it was under tow by the US frigate Jarrett.

The Iranians repeatedly called the Americans over the radio until ordered to withdraw. One report said that the US Navy fired warning shots over the intruding vessel.

Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani initially described the American assertion that the Iranians had been mine-laying as "a lie" and promised that the Americans "will regret their crime". Tehran radio announced that the US would have cause to regret its entry into the Gulf but later reduced the temper of its broadcasts to demand the return of the Iranian crew.

Iran, the broadcast said, would ask the United Nations to condemn the American

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ICI sell-off

ICI is selling another large part of Stauffer Chemicals, the US company it bought from Unilever in June, to Rhône-Poulenc of France, for $522 million .... Page 25

Football move

David Bulstrode, the chairman of Queen's Park Rangers, is relinquishing control of the company which owns the grounds of three London football clubs........ Page 47

Cecil fined

Leading trainer Henry Cecil was fined £500 by a Jockey Club disciplinary hearing yesterday. A banned substance was found in one of his winners at Windsor.. Page 48

Hurd gun control proposals would ban semi-automatics

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Firearm controls aimed at preventing another Hungerford massacre and keeping guns out of the hands of professional criminals were announced yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Mr Hurd, speaking at a conference of senior police officers, outlined the toughest set of firearm control proposals for 20 years. They include a ban on semi-automatic weapons such as the Chinese AK 47 rifle used by Michael Ryan at Hungerford a month ago. Shotgun holders and gun collectors also face new controls.

Police representatives yesterday welcomed the proposals, but calls remain for the Government to do more to restrict the number of shotguns in circulation.

The package, announced as inquests on the Hungerford victims are resumed, will affect up to 1 million legitimate holders of guns. Additions to it may yet be announced.

Mr Hurd told the annual conference of the Police Superintendents Association in Torquay: "There can be no justification for rifles of the type used by Michael Ryan. The risks are simply too high".

Two men were shot through an open van window with a pump action shotgun in a Liverpool suburban street yesterday. The victims were brothers. A man was later questioned.

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The other points announced by the Home Secretary include a ban on all "burst fire" weapons and all sawn-off shotguns. The ban covers hand weapons capable of firing three rounds or more at a time. At present a sawn-off shotgun could be held under a firearms licence rather than a shotgun certificate.

It is proposed that pump-action and self-loading shotguns such as the Franchi SPAS 12, allegedly used in the Plumstead armed robbery two months ago, should no longer be available on a shotgun certificate but only on the more restrictive firearms licence.

The proposals add that military and other weapons of which the potency is reduced by conversion will be held only under their original classification. That means that a semi-automatic rifle could still not be held by a member of the public, even if it were converted to being able to fire a single shot only.

A statutory safe-keeping condition would be introduced on all shotgun certificates, and visitors to Britain would no longer be

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News Corporation buys into Pearson

By Michael Tate

News International, a subsidiary of The News Corporation, and publisher of *The Times*, yesterday paid £161 million for an 8.6 per cent share stake in the Pearson industrial group, whose interests include the *Financial Times*.

Together with the 4.9 per cent acquired in the last few weeks, the purchase gives The News Corporation, headed by Mr Rupert Murdoch, 13.5 per cent of Pearson, worth some £255 million, and he is expected to lift it to 14.9 per cent by this morning.

However The News Corporation stressed yesterday that the purchases were not a prelude to a takeover bid. It told the Stock Exchange that it had "no intention" of making a full bid for Pearson, and would not consider one in the next 12 months unless there were "a material change in the circumstances of that company."

Mr Murdoch said he wanted to discuss with the Pearson directors "the possibility of co-operation in their common business areas." The statement did did not specify these areas, but they would be expected to include newspaper and book publishing, electronic information services and possibly cable television.

The News Corporation's UK subsidiary, News International, also publishes *The Sunday Times*, the *Sun*, the *News of the World* and *Today*. Pearson owns the *Financial Times* and a string of FT Business Information publications as well as the *Investor's Chronicle*. It also has a 50 per cent holding in *The Economist* and owns the Penguin and Longman publishing groups.

Stock market analysts believe that the stake will give The News Corporation a lever to set up a deal with Pearson.

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Race to stop athletes using new 'super drugs'

By David Sapsted

British scientists are racing against time to counter the use of two new "super drugs" which can dramatically improve the performance of athletes and which are as yet undetectable.

Professor Raymond Brooks, who developed the detection of the use of anabolic steroids, in 1969, and is a world authority on performance-enhancing drugs, said yesterday: "These new drugs were developed, as were anabolic steroids and the rest, for completely legitimate, medical reasons.

"As far as we know, they have not yet been seized upon by sportsmen, but it is only a matter of time. We need that time to develop the appropriate tests and, perhaps more importantly, the time to convince the international bodies to introduce those tests."

The Sports Council disclosed yesterday it was also "increasingly concerned" that a third drug, probenicide, was gaining a foothold in British sport to defeat tests designed to show whether an athlete had used anabolic steroids.

Professor Brooks blamed international sporting bureaucracies for laxness in controlling the use of potentially-harmful drugs by sportsmen. He said "It is not the case that scientists are failing to keep up with the increasing use of new and different drugs by athletes but that the international sporting authorities are failing to move fast enough to outlaw drug usage".

Professor Brooks is sponsored by the Sports Council, which will spend nearly £500,000 next year just on drugs tests and research. He heads a team at St Thomas's Hospital, London, which is currently attempting to devise tests to detect the presence of the two new "super drugs" which, he says, could make an enormous difference to the performances of athletes.

Although tests can now detect steroids in athletes; the body-building craze has led to their being widely-available in body-building clubs. The Government Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs is currently looking at the desirability of making steroids a controlled drug, along with narcotics such as heroin and cocaine.

In the meantime, and with the drug widely available in such countries as France and Spain, the Department of Health and Social Security admits that untold quantities of steroids are being brought into Britain quite legally by people claiming that they are for "personal or household use" under the 1973 Medicines Act. "We are looking at ways of closing this loophole", said the DHSS yesterday.

Even more worrying for the Sports Council is the emergence of the anti-gout drug probenicide in North America. Officials of the Pan-American Games believe the drug is being to fool existing tests as it completely masks the use of steroids.

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NEWS SUMMARY

BR to axe 3,000 engineering jobs

Nearly 3,000 jobs are to go at British Rail Engineering's principal works at Derby. Crewe and York by next March. Reduced repair and maintenance work is blamed for the job losses, which are in addition to those announced last March. York loses 500 coachbuilding jobs, 1,020 go in Crewe and 1,420 in Derby. Headquarters staff will also be reduced.

The National Union of Railwaymen said yesterday: "It's a black day for British Rail Engineering and the world renown railway construction expects. British Rail Engineering said traditional repair and maintainence work had fallen off because the company was now turning out more efficient high technology products which required less attention.

Unionist MP jailed

Mr Peter Robinson, the MP for East Belfast and deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, was jailed yesterday for refusing to pay his road tax.

Belfast magistrates had fined Robinson £25 and ordered him to pay arrears, but he opted to spend seven days in prison and said it was part of the campaign against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

He said imprisonment was a small price to pay. Robinson was stopped in his car on November 15, the anniversary of the agreement.

Bomb at school

Army bomb disposal officers yesterday dismantled a flash bomb planted with a trip wire at a school in Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

Mr Ramsey Hull, the caretaker at Ashton Middle School, which has 600 pupils aged seven to 11, discovered the device at 7 am yesterday — a "booby-flash" simulator similar to American military flash bombs.

Police said that a child at the school could have been badly burned or even blinded if the trip wire had been moved.

Plea on Ulster deaths

Mr John Stanley, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, appealed to the public yesterday to help to staunch the rising tide of murders by giving information via a confidential telephone service.

His call to "decent-minded" people to help the Royal Ulster Constabulary to track down terrorists came as the number of murders in the province rose to 71 so far this year, compared with 61 in all of 1986.

The Northern Ireland Office said informants are being urged to make use of the telephone lines set up in 19 main towns in Ulster with the guarantee that their identity will be kept secret and that the information will be treated in confidence.

Actress on bail

Maria Aitken, the actress, was remanded on unconditional bail until October 21 when she appeared at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London yesterday accused of importing 997 milligrammes of cocaine worth £300, by post on or about September 7.

During the hearing her solicitor asked for a remand for advanced information — an outline from the prosecution of the case against Miss Aitken, aged 41, of Kennington Road, Kennington, southeast London.

TV union 'caves in'

Thames Television won a battle with the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians yesterday over broadcasting a half-hour programme from the United States made by Cable News Network, a non-unionized organization. The dispute was resolved with the showing of the first of the daily *CNN Headline News* programmes at 5.30 am, and the union agreeing to refer the issue to a local disputes procedure: Company sources said the unions had "caved in".

Management determination to press ahead came as independent television chiefs sent a document to the Prime Minister challenging her claim that television was the last bastion of restrictive union practices.

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Liverpool's expelled leader forecasts new riots

By Ian Smith

Riots could become part of daily life in Liverpool unless the Government releases money to overcome the city's financial crisis, Mr John Hamilton, former leader of the city council, forecast yesterday.

He said that the city would be bankrupt within three years, with no homes or schools built and no maintenance and public utilities. Skilled workers would emigrate, leaving inner city ghettos spilling over with dispirited, unemployed no-hopers facing nothing but despair.

Resentment would grow rapidly and violence could break out on a scale so widespread that the Toxteth riots would be remembered as nothing more than a minor inconvenience.

Mr Hamilton laid the main blame for the crisis on his former deputy leader, Mr Derek Hatton. He was speaking the day after he had walked out of a meeting of 47 city councillors who were banned from office in April and face a £348,000 bill for refusing to set a rate, wilfully losing public money and disputing their case in the High Court.

He said that he was disgusted at the sight of Militant Tendency once again using tactics which had disrupted council affairs since 1983. He had been the subject of abuse at the meeting for openly expressing his worries about bankruptcy. His only income was a £60-a-week pension, and if he was declared bankrupt he would be forced to sell his parents' terraced house, where he lived alone.

"I was criticized and then subjected to verbal abuse because of an article which appeared in a newspaper four days ago in which I spoke of my worries about bankruptcy and my paucity of financial assets."

Of the meeting with the other former councillors he said: "Tony Mulhearn, the man who used to control Derek Hatton's wilder outbursts in the council chamber, started the assault. Then it was continued by Derek Hatton, who accused me of responsibility for causing a split in the ranks.

"Over the years I have had to bite my tongue and put up with that man, but no longer. I am convinced the Government sees a spectre of Hatton whenever they think of Liverpool and regard the other 46 expelled councillors as nothing more than Hatton clones. I believe this is why the district auditor is acting on their orders to crush us as quickly and effectively as possible."

While concentration focused on Mr Hatton, said his former colleague, important issues such as introducing employment into the area were ignored.

"Hatton presents to the world a marvellous image, someone in a smart suit, driving a flash car, attractive to the women and always ready with a headline-grabbing quip. But that is nothing more than a sham.

"Hatton is an illusionist and while you concentrated on the rabbits he was producing from his hat you neglected to look behind you and see what was really going on."

Police chiefs warn Hurd of inner-city dangers

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

London's police commanders confronted Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday with the realities of inner city policing.

The difficulties and dangers of the inner cities, where detectives faced widespread crime, preventive policing was abandoned and a handful of officers manned the streets, were put to Mr Hurd at the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association in Torquay.

He was told that the police were at risk of being swamped in such centres as London, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool.

In London, where 300 officers might have to police a million Londoners, the Metropolitan Police faced a constant stream of premature wastage from officers transferring from the city because they could no longer take the strain. Those who remained faced stress which might injure or kill them.

Chief Supt Sam Parlour, commander of the West Ham division, said: "Police actions, however proper, run the real risk of provoking serious public disorder. Successful policing of these areas is complex and with the resources presently available police are barely coping with their workload."

His colleague in the other half of the borough, Chief Supt Bob Shepherd, said: "Preventive policing has been abandoned in some divisions. Only response policing can be provided." The refusal to give Scotland Yard the 4,000 extra men needed in London was "no way forward for a modern police force".

Chief Supt David Richards, in charge of operations for central London, argued that policing problems were made worse by public order demands. He asked why the organizers of events such as the Notting Hill Carnival should not be charged for the police presence, which this year cost £650,000 in wages. The pendulum had swung too far when football matches had to be cancelled so that police could cover the carnival.

"Are we then to adopt the same system as other countries and surrender the streets to the demonstrators?" he asked. "We can't place our resources to the best use of society if we constantly have to direct them to satisfy the demigods of demonstrations."

Det Chief Supt Alan Jestico, based at City Road in east London, instanced the detectives' problem. A total of 1,950 officers faced a huge number of crimes committed on London streets. At any one time 500 detectives would be on duty to cover the 76 London police divisions.

The police area in which he worked produced 30 murders, 115 rapes, 2,400 robberies and 3,250 very serious assaults last year. Seventeen of the murders became important investigations and parts of the police area were left without detective cover to meet the needs of these cases. Crime initiatives had to be abandoned.

Bad housing 'can cause child abuse'

The housing pressure group Shelter condemns both Government and housing authorities today for creating what it says is an unrecognized and preventable scandal of child abuse.

An article in Shelter's magazine, *Roof*, says that thousands of children are taken away from their parents and into care because they are homeless or inadequately housed.

It says more investment in better housing could keep families together and prevent an "unnecessary crisis of child abuse". It criticizes the "hypocrisy" of those outraged by the child sex abuse dispute in Cleveland, while ignoring thousands of cases of children taken into care because of bad housing.

Shelter says the stress of bad housing can place "critical constraints" on parents' abilities to care for their children, and the problem is worst in inner city areas where council housing is being sold off.

The article adds: "Where housing authorities fail to provide decent homes for children, the education and social services are forced to pick up the tab.

"Such is the pressure created by government disinvestment in housing in the inner cities that thousands of children are now failing through the net, many of them ending up 'in care' or 'at risk'.

"The irony is that while inner cities are starved of the resources to uphold family life, over £371 million is spent keeping children in care"

Thatcher's bold vision

Mrs Margaret Thatcher stands with building workers at Sedgmoor Park, Wolverhampton, a housing estate being built on the site of a derelict steel works (Photograph: Chris Harris).

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday proclaimed her vision of Britain's inner cities — regenerated by people with entrepreneurial ability and flair, building manufacturing industry by spotting possibilities in the market place.

Standing among the foundations of the International Convention Centre in Birmingham, she said: "Government does not provide entrepreneurial flair. You cannot simply say to every department in Whitehall: 'Take your bowlers and your brollies and go out and create 600 jobs in so many small towns'. There is a flair and entrepreneurial skill you cannot train."

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was on a visit to the West Midlands as part of her tour of inner city areas.

In Birmingham, during a visit to a technical college at Handsworth, she came within a mile of the district where in 1985 there was serious rioting. Outside the college about 150 people protested and Miss Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, said: "It is a cynical media event. She came in order to pretend to the media that she cares about the inner city."

In Wolverhampton the Prime Minister launched a Task Force at the Crypt Association which she said was an attempt to co-ordinate the various government programme scheme.

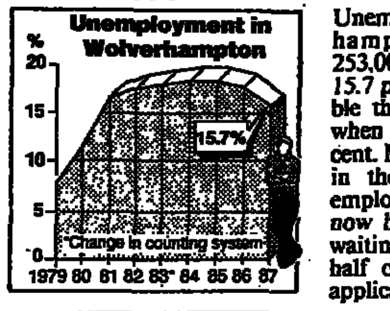
The association, which receives 95 per cent of its funds from the Manpower Services Commission and 5 per cent from local authorities and businesses, trains 1,000 people in catering and computers, and employs others on environment and construction projects.

"The Task Force scheme is to help new entrepreneurs to train and set up in their area", she said.

She then visited a handbag shop opened 10 weeks ago by two sisters with help from a government enterprise scheme and bought a handbag

Later she toured Sedgmoor Park estate — a new development of 450 houses being built on derelict land formerly occupied by the Bilston steel works.

After visiting the home of Mark and Claire Preece, a young married couple who paid £22,150 for their two-bedroom home — now worth £26,000 — Mrs Thatcher said: "The young marrieds of this generation are starting at a level we never dreamt of. They have both got jobs and have got a first step on the ladder."



Unemployment in Wolverhampton (population 253,000) last month was 15.7 per cent, more than double the rate in August 1978 when the figure was 7.7 per cent. Most jobs have been lost in the car industry, which employed 11,000 in 1979 and now has 6,000. The housing waiting list stands at 12,000, half of which are first-time applicants.

Changes in job scheme attacked

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Voluntary organizations yesterday attacked new rules for the Community Programme, which employs 245,000 people and attracts more than £1,000 million of government spending a year.

The Government proposes to replace the system of wages paid on the basis of the "rate for the job" with an allowance equivalent to the dole plus a premium. People under 25 who have been unemployed between six and 12 months would no longer qualify for the scheme, which will be aimed instead at 25 to 50-year-olds unemployed for more than two years.

The National Council for Voluntary Organizations said that the Government wanted everyone on the programme to do a full-time job for only their benefit plus a small premium. Paying the rate for the job had been an important principle in maintaining a political concensus between all parties.

Sir Richard O'Brien, chairman of the consortium of organizations opposing the changes, said: "We should be building on what is good in CP and improving it, not doing things that might put it in jeopardy".

- Shell, the oil company, has put £100,000 into a scheme launched yesterday to encourage young people to start their own businesses.

Hurd rules out referendum on death penalty

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has dismissed the idea of a referendum on the reintroduction of capital punishment (Our Chief Political Correspondent writes).

As Conservative MPs yesterday joined the referendum campaign, launched in advance of next month's Conservative conference, he recalled Mrs Margaret Thatcher's expressed opposition to such a move.

Mrs Thatcher said in June that a referendum could only be advisory and she doubted if it would alter the views of MPs, who have regularly voted against restoration.

Mr Hurd said on BBC radio that he would give the conference a robust defence of government policies and describe his plans to put "extra buck" into the campaign against crime.

The conference agenda carries 29 resolutions, out of 110 on the subject of law and order, which request either the restoration of the death penalty or a national referendum.

Weapons ban

Shooting clubs in an uproar

By Howard Foster

The ban on semi-automatic weapons announced yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, was greeted with dismay by the British shooting fraternity but received a qualified welcome from the town of Hungerford.

The National Rifle Association said it would try to have the ban relaxed. "We have some of the strictest gun laws in the world. A gun in a responsible hand is safe", said Group Captain Robert Thorp, the NRA's estate manager.

"Gun clubs in this country are going to be very hard hit. A whole avenue of sporting activity could be closed to us."

Mr Michael Dwyer, chairman of the United Kingdom Practical Shooting Association, said the ban was a "severe blow". "This will restrict legitimate shooters in the country and have no effect on crime", he said.

Mr Hurd's action was welcomed in Hungerford, the scene of 15 of Michael Ryan's 16 murders.

"It is easy to think back after a disaster like this and wonder what would have happened if new laws had been in force", said Mr Colin Mason, whose parents Roland and Sheila Mason were shot dead by Ryan.

"If he had wanted to kill someone, I am sure he would have used other weapons or done it some other way. But if these new measures stop future tragedies, it will be worthwhile."

- Farmers who hold shotgun certificates will not be affected by changes in firearms legislation. "There are no plans to change the section of the Firearms Act under which these certificates are issued provided the weapons are not pump-action or self-loading", said a Home Office spokesman.
- Thieves who broke into offices in Hungerford High Street early yesterday stole almost £800 from collection tins and a safe which had been used to store donations

Conference threat by Labour staff

By Roland Rudd

Staff at the Labour Party headquarters will take their campaign against redundancies to the annual conference in Brighton if today's national executive committee meeting refuses to guarantee at least 13 threatened jobs.

The move could provoke a damaging confrontation with party managers and prove embarrassing to the leadership.

Mr Andy Bevan, the party's youth officer and convenor of the trade union committee, warned the NEC yesterday that delegates to the conference would never accept that "the Labour Party, the party of employment, should sack employees".

The Walworth Road headquarters in south London ground to a halt yesterday after staff staged a 24-hour strike in protest at the refusal to withdraw the threat of redundancies.

Mr Bevan said they would "give the NEC a hard time" at this morning's meeting.

He said his members had agreed to "fundamental changes in the restructuring of the party" to seek a compromise with Mr Larry Whitty, the general secretary.

"But we will never accept all the redundancies, which would give the party a bad name", said Bevan.

Forty job losses are being sought, plus the closure of three party newspapers. Mr Bevan said 27 of the jobs were unfilled vacancies and no longer disputed.

Company accused of bias

An Ulster company headed by the recently-appointed chairman of the Government's Local Enterprise Development Unit, Ulster's small business agency, has been accused of discriminating against Roman Catholics in a recent workforce expansion.

Allegations made against Aircraft Furnishing of Kilkeel, Co Down, by some of its Roman Catholic minority employees are likely to be an embarrassment to Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary. He is touring the United States to combat the Irish Republican-inspired campaign against American investment in Ulster

Last week Mr King published toughened guidelines on fair employment in the province and yesterday he was urged by Mr Eddie McGrady, the SDLP MP for South Down, to review the suitability of Mr Mervyn Hadden, chairman of Aircraft Furnishing, as chairman of the development unit.

The Kilkeel workforce has been increased by 51 to 247, but the minority employees say that only eight of the new recruits have been Roman Catholics.

Neither Mr Hadden nor Mr Tony Merrett, the managing director, was available yesterday.

Classics are at risk say public schools

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Classics may die even in independent schools if the Government does not make its national curriculum more flexible, the chairman of the Head Masters' Conference, the top public schools' association, said yesterday.

Mr Martin Rogers told the organization's annual meeting in Cambridge that the proposed national curriculum, which prescribed up to 90 per cent of the school timetable, was too restrictive and should be cut to only two-thirds of the timetable.

The current proposals, he said, "look more like the strait-jacket they purport to avoid than the framework they claim to represent".

"This strait-jacket excludes religious education and is in danger of killing the classics stone dead", he said.

Mr Christopher Everett, head of Tonbridge School and last year's chairman, agreed saying: "Latin is one of the foundations of Western literature. To lose it means truncating our temporal view by at least 1,500 years."

Mr Rogers told his fellow heads, who represent Britain's 200 top independent boys' schools, one-third of which also admit girls, that the Government should include design in the core curriculum with English, mathematics and science.

"I believe this is potentially the most important single educational development of the late twentieth century", he said. "Design has the potential for the solving of real problems, for the application of intelligence to what Francis Bacon called the betterment of mankind."

He called on industry to set up a £100 million fund to help both State and independent schools to build their own design centres, for the benefit of children of all abilities.

"I can think of no single act by industry that could make a more profound impact on the curriculum", he said.

Mr Rogers also suggested that independent schools should concentrate more on marketing. He said the Head Masters' Conference, in association with the Government, should conduct market research to find out what parents wanted and where independent schools were needed.

"There are great shortages of places in independent schools in many large cities. We need to know more accurately what parents are looking for, and so too does the maintained sector."

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Hospital is forced to stop treatment of new kidney patients

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Patients needing life-saving kidney dialysis treatment are being turned away from hospital because there is not enough money to treat them.

Consultants at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, a West Midlands regional centre for kidney treatment, have been told not to treat any more patients because the hospital has overspent its budget.

Dr Jonathan Michael, head of the nephrology department, said that he has already had to turn away two patients who desperately needed the treatment. One had been referred for dialysis from another hospital; the other had been admitted to the hospital with kidney failure.

He said: "I am now trying to find places in the other dialysis centres in the region, but inevitably lives will be put at risk and some of these patients will die."

Dr Michael and his colleague Dr Jo Adu take on two patients for dialysis treatment every week and have treated 73 new patients in the past nine months. They have 170 patients receiving Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) at a cost of about £8,000 a year for each patient.

Dr Michael said: "The region has only provided funding for 46 CAPD patients. The rest of the money has come from overspending my budget by £170,000 and by asking general practitioners to fund some of the cost."

Dr Michael claimed that the region had refused to fund even the minimum number of CAPD patients, laid down in Department of Health guidelines. Funding for 120 of the patients was now shared between the GP and the hospital, but even these people cost the Queen Elizabeth unit more than £250,000.

He has been asked to try to transfer as many as possible of the existing patients to other centres, in an attempt to cut costs. "We are faced with with decision of either refusing to treat patients and allowing them to die or of prejudicing hospital funds that are committed to other much needed programmes", Dr Michael said.

Most of the other centres within the region were either full already or would be within a couple of weeks.

Mr Patrick O'Connell, unit general manager at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, said last night that the hospital was facing "a very sad situation".

Mr O'Connell said that over the past two years the hospital had overspent by £673,000, two-thirds of which had been caused by the kidney unit. "The region say they cannot give us any more money so we are now hoping the Department of Health will provide extra funding."

Dr Michael has written to Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, asking her to intervene.

In 1982 Mrs Currie was involved in a similar crisis, when, as chairman of Central Birmingham health authority she told the kidney unit to stop treating patients.

The West Midlands health authority confirmed last night that no extra money would be allocated for the kidney patients. "We are not going to redeploy resources from other specialties."

Yesterday the Queen Elizabeth Kidney Patients Association said that it was planning a legal test case against Central Birmingham health authority over the withdrawal of life saving treatment.

How to give NHS £2bn lift

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Spending on the National Health Service as a proportion of Britain's wealth could increase by £2 billion over the next five years by the foregoing of a penny tax cut, the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry maintained yesterday.

In a report on future developments in the service, the association argued that spending on the NHS as a proportion of the gross national product had been frozen for the last six years at 6.2 per cent.

"An increase of 0.5 per cent to 6.7 per cent would be ample to ease the squeeze on the acute sector and meet the growing demands of the elderly and new diseases such as Aids", Mr David Taylor, the association's director of public and economic affairs, said.

"This would amount to an extra £1.5 billion to £2 billion; equal to foregoing an extra penny tax reduction."

Mr Taylor said that in the first three or four months of this financial year health authorities had overspent their budgets by £100 million and were heading for a total £300 milion overspend by the end of the year. Earlier this week consultants argued that an extra £25 million was needed to improve cancer services for children.

"The amount of extra money needed to solve the problem is very limited", he said.

"There is no question of opening the flood gates or pouring in money needlessly but we have the fastest growing economy in the Western world and it is something the nation can well afford."

The association's report emphasizes that further efforts should also be made to ensure that NHS resources are used productively and efficiently but it suggests that it would also benefit from greater competitition.

Future developments could include a small charge for visits to a general practitioner and for specialist referrals and hospital hotel charges. Prescription charges could also become more comprehensive to cover all better-off members of the population.

Health maintenance organizations could be set up where GPs would receive an overall sum for the care of patients on their list and would pay hospitals and other agencies for any services.

Insurance cut for eye-tested drivers

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Motorists who take regular eye tests are being offered a 20 per cent reduction in insurance premiums as part of a campaign to raise the standard of eye testing for drivers.

The Association of Optometrists, representing 5,000 qualified opticians, has linked with insurance brokers Bain Dawes to provide the discount. The association says that a million drivers would fail the legal sight test, which requires drivers to read a car number plate from 67ft.

Mr Ian Hunter, general secretary, said: "Britain is the only country in the world apart from Hong Kong and Mauritius to rely on the number plate eye test. It does not test for tunnel vision, which is potentially very dangerous."

The police are also concerned about substandard eye sight, despite the recent dismissal of calls for tougher testing by Mr Peter Bottomley, junior transport minister.

Mr Peter Joslin, chief constable of Warwickshire and secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers' traffic committee, wants the inclusion of the more sophisticated Keystone test, which was failed by 144 motorists out of 518 tested on the M4 in Wales.

His force will carry out another survey on the M6, and if it confirms that many motorist have defective eyesight, his association will urge the Government to introduce tougher tests.

More commute by car

More than half of London's three million commuters will travel to work by car by the end of the century as car ownership rises rapidly (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

Mr Jeremy Hawksley, secretary of the road transport lobby group Movement for London, said yesterday: "Car commuting is an attractive option for workers not within walking distance of a rail or bus stop".

Since 1966 the proportion of Londoners commuting by car has risen from 21 per cent to 43 per cent and is expected to rise to 52 per cent by 2000.

Public services, though, will suffer said Mr Roland Niblett, head of strategic planning for British Rail Network SouthEast."The more we encourage people to travel by car the worse the public transport will become."

Wheels of Change (Movement for London. British Road Federation, Cowdray House, 6 Portugal Street, London WC2A 2HG: £7.50.)

BBC has £8m mix for day TV

A daily lunchtime television magazine co-presented by former newscaster Pamela Armstrong and with regular appearances by the 1960s trend-setter, Cathy McGowan, is one of the highlights planned for BBC Television's second year of daytime programmes (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

The BBC is spending nearly £8 million on a mixed package of entertainment, documentaries and public service programmes for daytime television viewers.

As well as the magazine show, *Daytime Live*, new programmes include an international quiz, *Going For Gold.* Selina Scott and Jeff Banks travel abroad in a new series of *The Clothes Show* and Robert Kilroy-Silk returns to BBC1 with another series of his discussion programme, retitled *Kilroy.*

Archive material will be dusted down in a celebrity request programme, *It's My Pleasure*, hosted by Desmond Lynam, and the Australian series *Neighbours* will continue its run.

● Mr Peter Ibbotson has been appointed deputy director of programmes for BBC Television with immediate effect, it was announced yesterday. Since July 1986, Mr Ibbotson, aged 43, has been chief assistant to Mr Michael Grade, the director of programmes.

House prices

Buyers pay 25% over odds

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The best country houses in the Home Counties have been in such demand in recent months that buyers are prepared to pay 25 per cent more than the asking price, according to Mr Geoffrey van Cutsem of Savills, the estate agents.

Sometimes the premium is greater and in addition buyers have exchanged contracts on expensive properties within hours of agreeing terms, he says in the Savills magazine.

"It is apparent, right the way through the housing market, that there has never been an easier time to buy a property, with money being readily available from banks and building societies."

Mr van Cutsem, chairman of Savills' residential division, says: "It was not unusual for a period country house one hour from London to achieve anything up to a 25 per cent premium above the guide price.

"This does not necessarily indicate that the guide was set too low, rather the ability of a wealthy individual to raise capital quickly and pay over the odds in order to secure the purchase of something he really wanted."

He cited the example of Ilmington Old Rectory in Warwickshire, sold for £830,000 against a guide price that was "in excess of £500,000."

Mr van Cutsem said: "It is a sobering thought that if you owned a property worth £250,000 between January and September 1987 and lived in northern England, it was probably appreciating by £68 every day in southern England by £109 a day and in Greater London by £137 a day".

The Savills buyers' guide shows that prices in the last six months have increased most in East Anglia, by 25-30 per cent for the larger country houses with land, while in the Home Counties the increase has been about 15 per cent.

Mr van Cutsem says that no market, including the house market, goes on rising indefinitely, especially at the pace it has displayed recently. He believes that the autumn and winter of 1987 must be a period of consolidation.

"I believe the house market will move forward again in 1988 but at a far slower pace, and a single figure annual price rise will be the order of the year."

New pilgrims on an ancient causeway

Five residents of Holy Island test the newly repaired Pilgrim's Way that links the isle with the mainland. The ancient causeway, through treacherous sands off the Northumberland coast, will be re-opened tomorrow by Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Airline codes

Three letters spell dismay

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The world's airlines are hoping to delay for as long as possible the general introduction of three-letter identification codes which will replace the familiar two-letter system from next month.

Under the new system, due to be used from October 25, British Airways will lose its BA code and out too will go B-Cal's BR designator. Flight plans, air traffic control and inter-airline communications will refer to BA as BAW and BR will be known as BCA.

The codes are needed so that information is kept to a minimum on the 11 billion telex messages generated each year by airlines around the world. A single jumbo jet flight between continents gives rise to about 29,000 telex messages.

The International Civil Aviation Organization decided three years ago to change the codes because, it was believed, the number of airlines worldwide would soon outstrip the amount of possible two-letter combinations. At present 600 airlines are registered.

Now the International Air Transport Association, the airlines' "club", which has 163 members, intends introducing the same three-letter codes for use on tickets, timetables and general public use.

The airlines, however, fear that it could cost them at least £150 million just to change all their computers and literature to take account of the new codes.Already many are complaining that the new designators they have been given will lead to confusion.

They have, however, gone along with the Iata decision and made formal bids for the three-letter system. Britannia, Britain's largest independent charter operator will now be known as BAL instead of BY. Dan Air has grabbed the natural DAN code instead of its present DA designator and Monarch, to the delight of travel agents who have always been confused by their present split letters of either OM or ZB, will use the MON call sign.

Other airlines are not so lucky, however. The Rumanian national airline Tarom will have to carry the prefix ROT while Mid West Aviation in the United States will be known as NIT.

And there could be some confusion between the call sign of Air Europe which will, in future be AEL and Aeroflot which will be AFL.

Perhaps the airline which has been quickest and most successful in the new race for the most appropriate three letter code, however, is Sierra Vista Aviation of the United States.They have stolen a march on all their competitors by grabbing the prefix FLY. So in future all their flights will carry the code FLY

"It is going to cause problems because some airlines want to keep their existing two letter codes", a spokesman for Iata said.

He added: "They have bowed to the inevitable and accepted that eventually they will have to make these codes known generally to the public". Under present plans these should be introduced in 1993.

TV cook tells of looting at home

Fanny Cradock told a court yesterday how her home was looted of furniture and valuables worth £50,000 as she kept a vigil at her dying husband's hospital bedside.

Mrs Cradock, aged 75, said the possessions she and her husband, Johnny, had collected in a lifetime of travelling round the world, vanished in two break-ins at her cottage at Little Bentley, near Colchester, Essex.

She was giving evidence at Chelmsford Crown Court against Peter Head, aged 23, an antique dealer, who was accused of both offences and his girl friend, Amanda Graham, charged with handling some of the stolen property.

Mrs Cradock told the jury that she went to stay with friends in London at the end of last year so that she could be near her husband, who was dying from lung cancer at Brompton Hospital.

Mr Stephen Harvey, for the prosecution, said that the stolen goods included a 100-piece collection of Crown Derby porcelain, rare Chinese antiques and furniture, silver, a mink coat, copper cooking pans, chairs, tables and engraved wooden chests.

He said that Head was arrested after a Volvo estate car containing a £1,200 Chinese chest and a £300 marble-top table was abandoned, following a police chase.

A search of his home uncovered a pair of silver candlesticks stolen from Mrs Cradock's house. Head told police that he bought the items from a van at Colchester market.

Head, of Alexandra Drive, Wivenhoe, near Colchester, denied breaking into Orchard House, Little Bentley, in October and November last year. Miss Graham denied two charges of handling property stolen from Mrs Cradock's home.

Fanny and Johnny Cradock presented a television cookery show in the 1960s. Johnny Cradock, a retired major, wore a dinner jacket, bow tie and monocle, while his wife wore an extravagant ballroom gown, and cooked gourmet delicacies

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Commission urges radical reappraisal of land use

By John Young, Agricultural Correspondent

Every acre of land removed from cereal growing and given over to woodland, conservation or recreational use should save the taxpayer at least £100 a year, a report by the Countryside Commission says.

The report, *Shaping a New Countryside*, is the commission's response to a review panel established last year to consider changes in agricultural policy.

The report suggests that some land should be allowed to revert to semi-wilderness, while other agricultural plots could be released for housing and other developments.

Farmers should be encouraged to take out of production land with the greatest potential for conservation or recreational use. Schemes should be encouraged which bring together blocks of land on adjacent holdings, to create significant landscape features and wildlife habitats.

Arrangements should be made to prevent unimproved land, often of high conservation value, being farmed intensely to compensate for other land being taken out of production.

The commission says it would like to see a large forest planted in the English lowlands. Elsewhere, there should be a reappraisal of the objectives of the national forestry policy to create a more acceptable and desirable land use.

The Government's draft proposals for a farm woodland scheme, published earlier this year, do not include sufficiently attractive incentives to farmers to grow trees, the commission says. It fears this will lead to farmers planting on relatively unproductive land, which often has the highest conservation value.

It would make little sense to use public funds to establish new woodlands to replace agricultural land, while at the same time permitting the loss of existing woodland to agriculture, the report says.

It suggests that the present agricultural improvement scheme should be replaced by a more broadly-based farming and countryside grant scheme offering a wide range of conservation and recreation management incentives.

If steps are taken to reduce farm output, farmers could be offered the equivalent of about £20 an acre a year to manage field margins, hedgerows, footpaths, woodlands and other features. It should be possible to finance many of the improvements needed in the countryside while achieving overall savings in public expenditure, the report says.

Park to reflect 2,000 years of rural history

The evolution of the English landscape and of rural society is the theme of a new heritage park in the Nene Valley, Northamptonshire.

It will reflect what is claimed to be the largest programme of landscape archaeology in Britain, covering about 30 square miles and tracing changes in human settlements and activity over 2,000 years.

The area includes burial mounds and ceremonial sites built on the flood plane in the neolithic and Bronze ages; a complex of Roman buildings at Stanwick surrounding a substantial villa; early Saxon farming settlements; the remains of a medieval manor house with a neighbouring church and houses; and the former hamlet of West Cotton, a farming community surrounding one of the earliest village greens.

The project is a joint venture by English Heritage, which expects to spend about £2 million; Northamptonshire County Council; ARC Ltd, which is excavating sand and gravel in the area and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Fallen chestnut gives seed to new forest

Mandy Rogers, aged seven, collecting conkers from a dying 100-year-old horse chestnut tree which was felled in Clissold Park, Stoke Newington, north London, yesterday at the birth of the "Forest of London" project, a new tree-planting campaign. The conkers that Mandy, from Roe Green School, Brent, north-west London, and nine other children collected will be planted to help to replace the hundreds of thousands lost in the past 15 years. Seedlings were planted near the fallen tree and will be throughout London during Tree Week in November's planting season (Photograph: John Rogers).

Fight for rail route warms up

Campaigners fighting to save one of England's most scenic railways from closure, the 85-mile line from Settle in North Yorkshire to Carlisle in Cumbria, say it is attracting more passengers than the average provincial route.

British Rail is expected to announce a decision soon on whether to close the line, but campaigners say that revenue on the route has risen for the fifth consecutive year.

Mr Brian Sutcliffe, chairman of the Friends of the Settle – Carlisle Line Association, said: "Based on the continued growth of the line over the last five years and the forward projections, there cannot now be any valid case for closing the line.

"The case for retaining the line is even stronger when other factors such as heritage and tourism are taken into account."

British fishing industry

Chaos revealed over grants

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The owners of 15 large freezer trawlers received £9 million in government grants to decommission vessels which had, for the most part, already stopped fishing, the independent National Audit Office disclosed yesterday.

Its report on financial support to the British fishing industry reveals a chaotic picture, in which attempts by the Government to reduce over-capacity through decommissioning grants have been undermined by its own grants towards the construction of new vessels.

Meanwhile, a licensing system devised to limit the number of vessels had done nothing to control overall capacity with licence owners able, until recently, to transfer licences from small to large fishing boats almost without restriction.

Such anomalies are blamed on the absence of any coordinated government plan. Such a plan was vital when "the aim of balancing fleet capacity with available fish stocks tends to conflict with the need to modernize the fleet for it to remain economically efficient".

The report, which goes to the Commons Public Accounts Committee, says that the Government, in its efforts to reduce over-capacity, spent £15 million on decommissioning 225 vessels from 1984 to 1986, but did not limit these grants to boats fishing for stocks in which Britain's quota was likely to be exceeded.

Grants which averaged £562,000 went to 15 freezer trawlers. Three had already been laid up in 1983, but were deemed to be eligible on the strength of 100 days fishing the previous year. One was brought out of moth-balls to fish for exactly the 100-day qualification period.

Another had already been requisitioned by the Ministry of Defence. Two had been bought by a non-fishing company as soon as the decommissioning grants were announced in late 1983.

Ten of the trawlers were sold for sums of up to £900,000 after the grants were received and none were scrapped. Decommissioning grants have been halted.

The over-capacity had only been reduced by 6 per cent, partly because of government grants towards new vessels which were 60 per cent more productive than old boats.

Grants were given regardless of whether the new boats were designed for stocks where fishing was already limited by strict EEC quotas.

National Audit Office: Financial Support for the Fishing Industry in Great Britain (Stationery Office; £8.20).

Man's fear led to confession

A man accused of strangling a girl aged seven said yesterday that he would have admitted murder "even if it wasn't true".

Mr Antony Shirley, aged 19, of Lumley Avenue, Skegness, Lincolnshire, who denies killing Nicola Spencer last December, told Nottingham Crown Court that the boy friend of the girl's mother had once told him about being threatened with a beating during police questioning. "I told him that I couldn't have stood up to that kind of pressure, and would have admitted anything – even if it weren't true."

When he was himself questioned, the police "were suggesting things to me and I was only agreeing. I confessed because the police had told me I had no alibi. I was too frightened to say anything else."

The trial continues today.

Electronics firm pays for lab at university

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Industry has backed basic research by paying £1,250,000 for new laboratories at a university. The new electronic engineering laboratories at University College, London, were paid for by the GEC organization.

The development will allow expansion of existing investigations at the frontiers of radar, communications, microprocessor and space technology, which are receiving support from several firms and the Science and Engineering Research Council.

However, at the official opening of the laboratories yesterday, praise from Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, was given a lukewarm reception by the benefactor. She said this form of industry sponsorship was the way the Government wanted to see "the fostering of excellence".

Dr Derek Roberts, the director responsible for research at GEC, responded by describing the endowment by the company as "enlightened self-interest". However, he added that "the extent to which the donation paid for bricks and mortar exceeded the role that industry should take".

He believed industry should support the people and the materials for research and training. In his view, buildings were a role for the taxpayer.

In an interview later, he said GEC made the grant when the universities were facing unnecessary financial stringency. It was ludicrous at the time that a centre of excellence in electrical and electronic engineering at University College was turning away first class students and research contracts for lack of space.

Iraqi diplomat on theft charge

An Iraqi diplomat on holiday in London was granted bail at Horseferry Road Magistrates Court yesterday charged with stealing underwear and a pair of shoes while shopping with £1,600 in his wallet.

Mr Hassan Modher, aged 43, a cultural attache in Lebanon, denied a charge of theft from Marks & Spencer, in Kensington High Street, west London.

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Social worker 'had totally closed mind' in child abuse cases

By Peter Davenport

A key social worker at the centre of the Cleveland child sexual abuse affair was accused by a QC for the parents yesterday of having a closed mind and of brooking no argument in the handling of cases.

Mr Simon Hawksworth, QC, was questioning Mrs Sue Richardson, Cleveland's child abuse consultant, who was giving evidence for the second day before the judicial inquiry into the affair under Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss at Middlesbrough Town Hall.

He said that denials by parents that they had abused their children or from the youngsters themselves that they had been abused made "not the blindest bit of difference" to Mrs Richardson's conduct.

She had said that she never had any doubt about the controversial diagnoses being made by two consultant paediatricians but agreed that a misdiagnosis could cause "awful damage" to the children involved.

Mr Hawksworth said that if the number of alleged sexual abuse cases discovered by the doctors at the Middlesbrough General Hospital had continued at the rate recorded at the height of the crisis there would have been 900 cases diagnosed at that hospital alone this year.

The inquiry was told that the large increase in numbers of alleged cases earlier this year was due to the increase in referral by the two consultant paediatricians working at the hospital, Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt.

Up to and including May there were 59 cases, 47 more in June, then, as the whole affair came under the public spotlight with increasing question about the diagnostic techniques being used, dropping to five in July and to nil in August.

The picture that emerged yesterday during Mrs Richardson's evidence was one of confusion within the Social Services Department about the exact number of children they were dealing with who were alleged to be the victims of sexual abuse. At one time social workers were reduced to conducting a headcount at the local hospital which was being used as a place of safety.

Mrs Richardson said that she took the view that a diagnosis by Dr Higgs was unequivocal evidence of sexual abuse.

Mr Hawksworth said that it looked as though Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt had taken a decision at the beginning of May to begin actively looking for sexual abuse in children and a way of demonstrating to hospital authorities the need for further provision in that area of medicine.

Mrs Richardson said: "No, it is quite impossible to find something that is not there".

Mr Hawksworth said that Mrs Richardson and her department had shown a "totally closed mind" and could "brook no argument" in their handling of cases. Parents' denials that they were abusers or childrens' denials that they had been abused had not made the "blindest bit of difference" to the conduct of the Social Services.

"I cannot answer in detail. But I don't think we have created a crisis in Cleveland, a crisis in child sexual abuse was already there", Mrs Richardson said.

Asked to explain the sudden increases in the number of cases uncovered earlier this year by Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt she said she attributed that to improved techniques in diagnosis.

The inquiry continues today.

Dr Livingstone's gun for sale

Mr Ronald Dufty with the patched and worn shotgun Dr David Livingstone carried with him while exploring Africa. Inset: A rather dour Dr Livingstone, worn with fever but still holding his gun – a plate from a book of his life which will be auctioned with the gun by Mr Dufty's firm, Weller & Dufty, in Birmingham next month (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Havers vows to secure funding for more judges

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Crown Prosecution Service was disastrously underfunded by 50 per cent when it was launched last year, Lord Havers, the Lord Chancellor, admitted in an interview in the Bar magazine *Counsel*, published yesterday.

Lord Havers, who, as Attorney General, was head of the service, says that the experience should not be repeated with proposed civil court reforms.

When these are put to the Treasury, they will require estimates "plus or minus 10 per cent. We cannot go to the Treasury with airy-fairy proposals."

The Lord Chancellor also said he intends to press the Treasury to approve more judges in the county courts, High Court and Court of Appeal. He would like to have county court cases heard within three months.

He would look anywhere for more circuit judges, wherever the quality is, and it would not matter if they were barristers or solicitors, he says.

Lord Havers' pledge to secure funding for more judges comes after several recent calls to boost the ranks of the judiciary by senior members of the legal establishment.

There has also been concern about the number of retired judges being used to overcome the shortage of circuit judges.

Last week, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, called for more judges in the commercial court; and in the past month, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, has urged more judges as a way of tackling delays.

More judges for the Official Referees' Court, which hears construction industry disputes, have been urged by Judge Hawser, QC, senior official referee, and Mr Peter Scott, the Bar chairman, has called for more High Court judges outside London.

On the campaign by the Law Society for increased rights of audience in the higher courts, Lord Havers accuses young solicitors of "perpetuating the squabble unnecessarily".

He believes that not all solicitors were concerned about rights of audience and the squabble between the two branches was damaging the public image of the profession.

Without committing himself to whether he favours the controversial proposal for merging the High Court and county court systems – strongly opposed by the Bar and the judges – Lord Havers indicates there should be a shift of work to the county court.

The way to tackle delays, he says, is by a "*substantial*" expansion of the jurisdiction of the county court. It was "ridiculous" that experienced High Court judges spent half their time dealing with personal injuries in which there was no issue of law. He is not in favour of a "one entry" system under which all cases would start at the same level, except in a family court.

The Law Society has joined with the Criminal Bar Association and other leading lawyers in calling on Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, not to abolish the suspect's right to silence in the forthcoming Criminal Justice Bill. In a letter today, the society says that such a move would be premature.

Mr Hurd is being urged by police chiefs, including Mr Peter Imbert, Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police and Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, to abolish the right as an important step towards the control of crime.

Cartoons in aid of man's best friend

By Robin Young

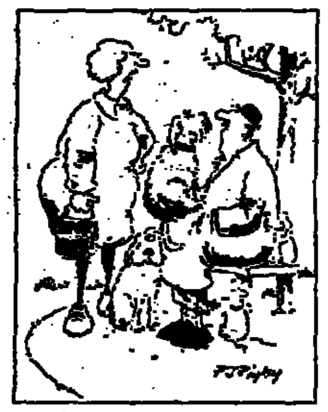
There was a doggedly humorous vein to proceedings at the Empire Suite, Tottenham Court Road, in London yesterday. Those present were there to discover who had won the Dog Cartoonist of the Year award, and to examine more than 200 cartoons entered by 70 artists.

Kenneth Kendall, the newsreader, explained that the event had been organized in aid of the National Canine Defence League. Katie Boyle, smothered in poodles, was there to present the prizes, and Mel Calman of *The Times* and the Cartoon Gallery helped with the judging.

There were contributions from leading dog cartoon exponents such as Alex Graham, creator of Fred Bassett; Charles Schulz, whose supper-addicted beagle Snoopy provides the Peanuts strip with all its greatest unfinished novels; Brad Anderson, creator of the Great Dane Marmaduke; and Maurice Dodd, whose Perishers strip includes a benign old English sheepdog called Boot.

Dogs are the butt of less cruel humour than cats. No one has yet dared compile a cartoon book entitled *One Thousand and One Uses for a Dead Dog*. Even so, the National Canine Defence League stipulated that it wanted cartoons "portraying dogs to be the loyal, intelligent and brave pets they are".

Noel Ford, editorial cartoonist of *The Star*, confessed that he had been obliged to draw a new cartoon to win his prize: "Most of mine showed dogs taking advantage of people", he said.



"I just don't understand it. No-one else likes you!"

Honeysett, whose prize-winning entry related directly to the league's campaign against the abandoning of dogs, admitted that in private life he was mightily relieved to have ridded himself of his own dog: "My wife and I separated, and a condition of the settlement was that she took the dog", he said.

The winning entry overall (above) was by P. J. Rigby, who said that his own dog, a Staffordshire bull terrier, might have torn Katie Boyle's poodles apart if he had brought it along. He regarded the animal, in any case, as something of a handicap to dog cartoonery: "Ideally I like to know as little as possible about the subject, so that I can view it with detachment".

The cartoons entered for the competition are on exhibition until 7pm tonight and on sale in aid of the league.

If all the pictures sell, the league will raise about £5,000.

Speckled torsos on the beach

A battle on the beaches between skin bacteria and a suntan ingredient may send holidaymakers home with a rash of white speckles (Our Science Correspondent writes).

According to doctors, some sunbathers have acquired "speckled torso syndrome" from the effects of a component of coconut oil, which defeats the bacteria but allows the skin's natural yeast to flourish, especially in hot or humid conditions.

Specialists at The Skin Hospital, Manchester, have confirmed a suspected link between the oil and the rash.

The specialists report in the current issue of *The Lancet* that 62 per cent of the patients had used creams or lotions containing coconut oil.

Dr Vinay Dave, consultant dermatologist at the hospital, said yesterday: "The rash is unsightly, affecting the upper body, and can take some weeks or even longer to disappear, but it is not actually harmful".

BT worker 'fiddled' double pay

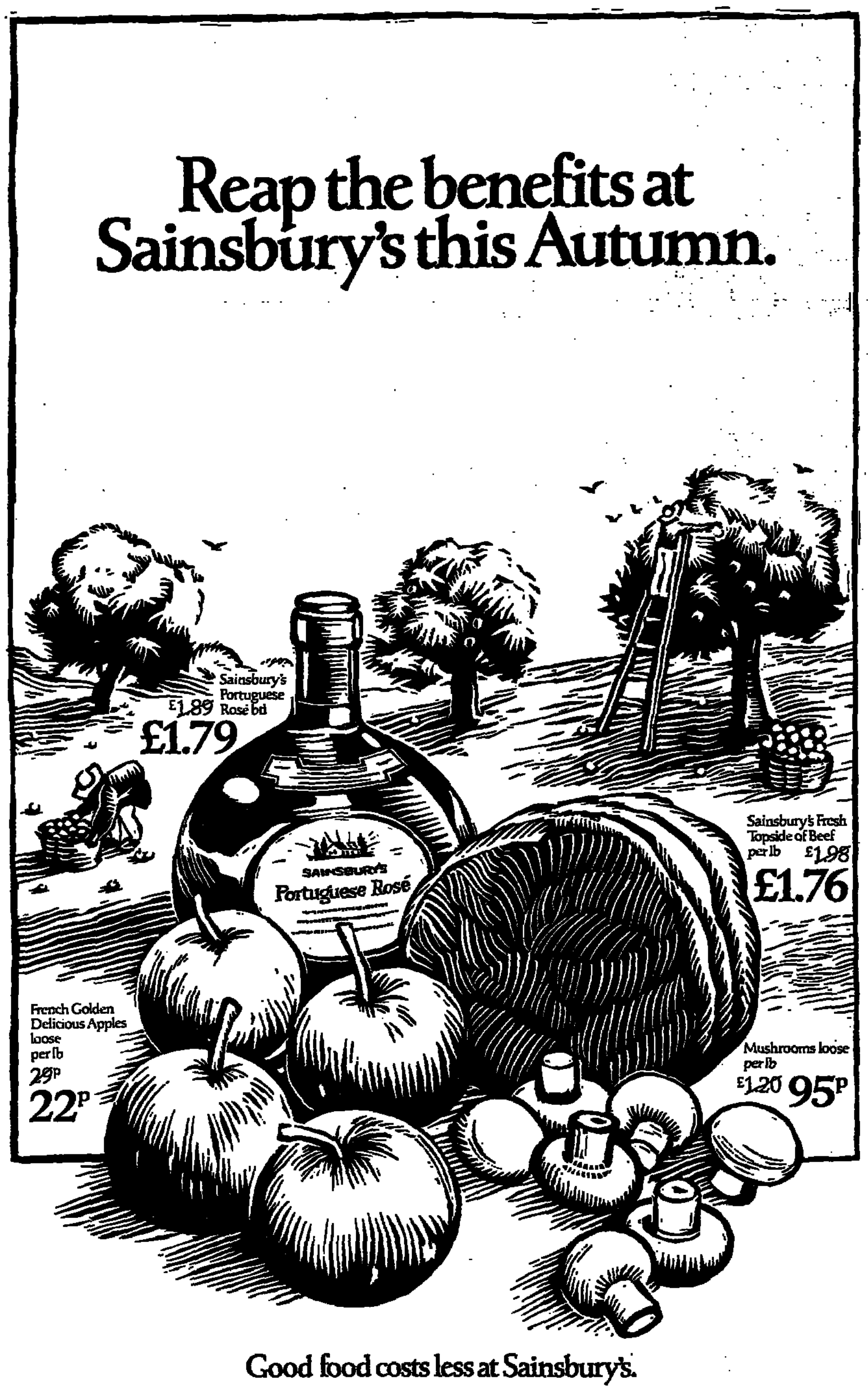
British Telecom's City data repair service guarantees a day's pay for Saturday working whether or not the full day is worked, an industrial tribunal at Ebury Bridge Place, west London, was told yesterday when Mr John McKiernan claimed unfair dismissal after he was dismissed for allegedly "fiddling" overtime.

The former Telecom employee, of Stock Hill, Biggin Hill, Kent, alleged to have drawn double his salary, was trusted to fill in his own time sheets, the hearing was told.

His supervisor, Mr Geoffrey Baker, then assistant executive engineer for the City area, said he trusted the applicant to claim correct overtime.

Mr McKiernan said when he tried to explain during an interview the practice of staff finishing early, he was accused of "wanting to drag everyone else down". The interviewer, he claimed, threatened to rip his home apart.

The tribunal was adjourned until October 16.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Kremlin insists Gorbachov is fit

Moscow – The Kremlin took action yesterday to quash a spate of rumours in the Western press about the whereabouts of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, who has not been seen in public since August 7 and was alleged to be suffering from food poisoning (Christopher Walker writes).

A spokesman told Western journalists that the Kremlin leader was on holiday and that his vacation would last as long as previously envisaged. "We have no practice of announcing in advance the date of return," he said. "I would like to repeat that he is on vacation and is in good, in excellent health."

The rumours about Mr Gorbachov's whereabouts gathered momentum because of his uncharacteristic failure to make a public statement about the successful outcome of last week's Washington talks.

Surinam deaths claim

Amnesty International claims in a new report that Surinam Government forces are killing indiscriminately in their conflict with the Surinam Liberation Army opposition group known as the Jungle Commando (Caroline Moorehead writes). Survivors told how 35 people were shot in the head by soldiers in the village of Mooiwana in November: three were pregnant women, and 19 children.

Surinam: Violation of Human Rights (Amnesty International, 5 Robert Place, London EC1. £1.75 plus 20p post and packing).

Hunt for 'swap' spy

Bonn – Security men are hunting a suspected East German spy, believed to be a top agent who took the identity of a West German defector 11 years ago (John England writes).

The Federal Criminal Bureau in Wiesbaden said that the suspect, aged about 40, had lived since 1976 under the name Rainer Mickei in Trier, where he had a small taxi business. He disappeared last May.

"The real Mickei moved to East Germany in 1974," a spokesman said. Another security source said he was believed to be a "big fish".

Serbian struggle

Belgrade – Communist Party hardliners in the leadership of Serbia, the largest of the Yugoslav republics, appear to have won the first round of a simmering power struggle (Dessa Trevisan writes).

After a two-day meeting of the Presidium, they ruled that Mr Dragisa Pavlovic, the moderate chairman of the Belgrade party committee, should be "relieved of his duties" for allegedly resisting implementation of party policy. His departure centres on the handling of ethnic unrest in the Kosovo region.

Arias plea on Contras

Washington – President Reagan met President Arias of Costa Rica yesterday amid clear signs that they remain far apart on the issue of aiding the Nicaraguan Contra rebels (Christopher Thomas writes). Addressing members of Congress later, Señor Arias appealed to the US to support diplomacy rather than military action. "It is time to focus on the positive," he said. "War signifies the failure of politics. Let us restore faith in dialogue and give peace a chance."

Hayward trial move

Stockholm (AP) – The retrial of Captain Simon Hayward, the UK Life Guards officer, who appealed against five years' jail imposed last month by a Swedish court for drug-smuggling, has been postponed from today until next week, Mr Tom Placht, his lawyer, said yesterday. The six-day postponement will allow the questioning of Dutch witnesses in The Netherlands.

Hit squad suspects

Rome (Reuter) – Italian police have arrested two men and a woman in connection with the attempt last January to kill Señor Enriqué Parejo González, the Colombian Ambassador to Hungary. The police believe the three were hired by international drug traffickers to kill the former Colombian Justice Minister who was sent to Hungary to escape threats on his life.

Emperor recovers

Tokyo – Emperor Hirohito, below, was in good condition last night after an intestinal bypass operation but tissue from his enlarged pancreas is to be tested for cancer (David Watts writes). A team of five doctors lead by Mr Yasuhiko Morioka, director of the University of Tokyo Hospital, performed the operation on the Emperor, aged 86.

Mr Morioka, using diagrams and with an extensive discussion of the royal entrails, explained to a press conference that the monarch should be able to return to his official duties in 40 days provided there are no complications. The duties were meanwhile taken over by Crown Prince Akihito, the first time he has done so because of Emperor Hirohito's state of health.

Reaction to growing military action in Gulf waters

Thatcher backs allotted areas for navies

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher yesterday appeared to confirm a belief, widely held in Westminster but officially denied in Whitehall, that Britain and its allies have effectively divided up the Gulf into areas of responsibility.

Many MPs believe that Washington and London have a tacit arrangement under which the US Navy patrols the northern part of the Gulf, between Kuwait and Bahrain, while Britain looks after the south, from Bahrain to the Strait of Hormuz.

There is strong support for such a system, which is not confined to Conservative MPs. But official sources have denied the existence of any agreement repeatedly.

Bahrain – US warships ordered an Iranian-hired tug attempting to salvage the Iranian ship crippled by a US helicopter attack to keep five miles away from the vessel, shipping sources said yesterday (Reuter reports).

The Prime Minister was asked if, following the attack on Gentle Breeze, the British-registered tanker, there was now a strong case for extending British patrols north of Bahrain.

She said that no single navy could protect the entire Gulf, and that Britain was concentrating on the area between the Strait of Hormuz and Bahrain. "There are now several navies there," she said.

"They are not under single joint command, nor do we wish them to be so, but they are very used to working together, to liaising together among the commanders – and that, I think, is what they will increasingly do, to see that each particular group works in its own area, so that, that way, we may be able to cover larger portions of the Gulf.

"Of course, we always keep the Armilla Patrol under review, but I do not think we could spare many more ships – indeed, if any – because we have duties the world over, and that is why the liaison role with others is so important."

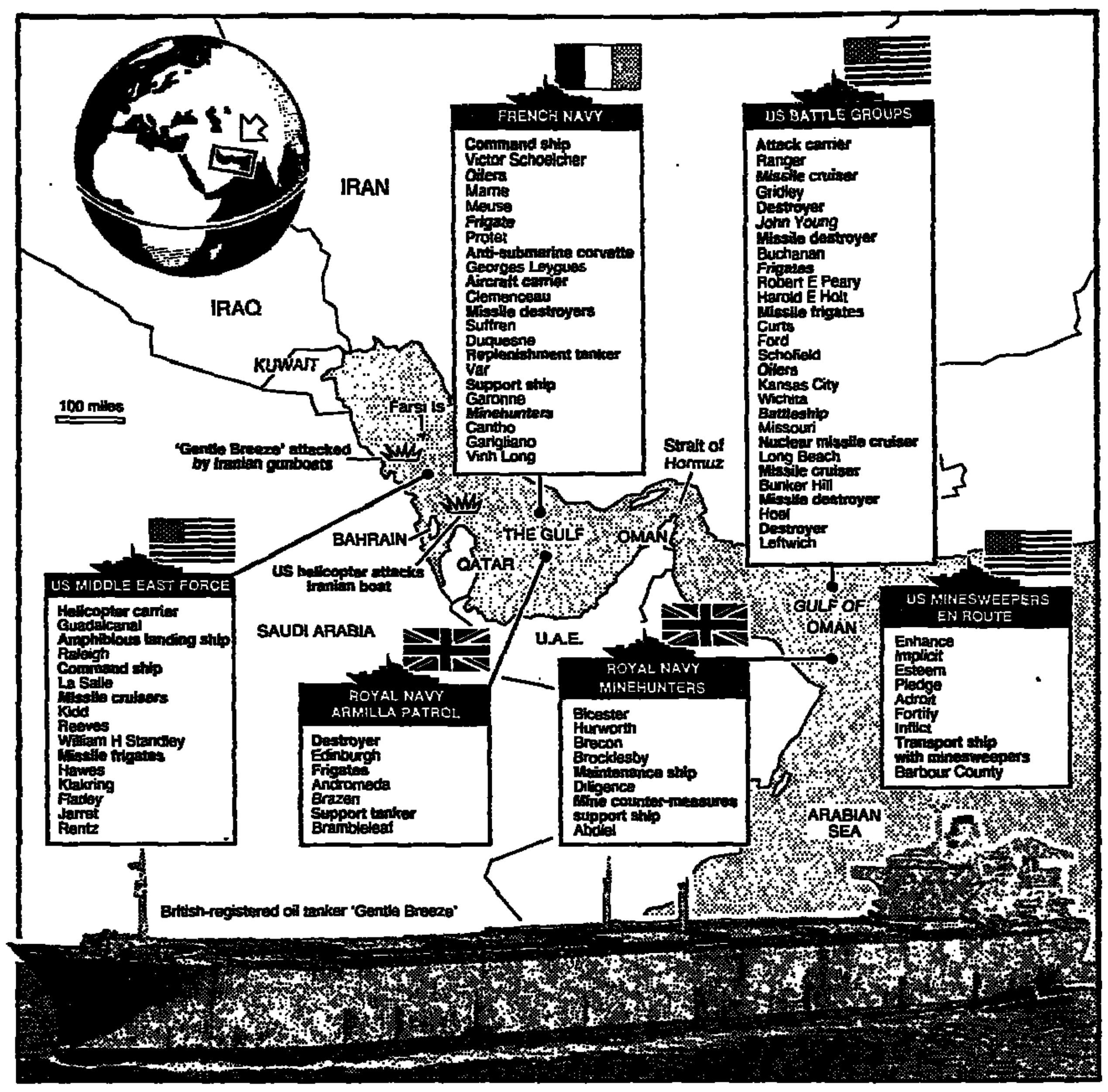
Her remarks appeared to go beyond the official Whitehall view. This remains that there is no dividing-up of Gulf responsibilities and that any co-ordination is of a military rather than political nature.

The issue is sensitive because of an anxiety, felt both in Whitehall and other European capitals, to avoid too explicit a link with US operations.

Mr Michael Mates, MP for Hampshire East and a Conservative defence expert, called yesterday for the maximum co-operation between all the allied navies in the Gulf.

He said there were signs, but as yet no confirmation, that this was already happening. Mr Mates expressed a hope that the US Navy attack on the Iranian vessel, the Iran Ajr, was a response to the Iranian attack on the Gentle Breeze.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Labour foreign affairs spokesman, called for all naval patrols to be co-ordinated under the United Nations. He opposed any purely western co-ordination. But Dr John Gilbert, Labour MP for Dudley East and a former party defence spokesman, favoured full co-operation.



How the Kremlin sees it

White House build-up blamed for crisis

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The Soviet Union yesterday blamed the US naval build-up in the Gulf for the new crisis there caused by the American attack on an Iranian vessel. It also accused President Reagan of publicly misrepresenting the Kremlin's Gulf policy.

When questioned about the situation, *Mr Boris Pyadyshev*, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, described the Soviet view by using words he ascribed to the Russian playwright, Anton Chekhov: "If in the first act of a play there is a gun, then by the third act, it will definitely fire."

He went on to claim that once a large number of American warships was concentrated *in the Gulf it was inevitable* that the day would come when the shooting would start. "Along with the war between Iran and Iraq, the presence of *military ships in the Gulf is* the main cause of tension in the region," he said.

Following suggestions in the West that Moscow might be becoming more sympathetic to Iran's position, Mr Pyadyshev took pains to deny at the regular Foreign Ministry briefing that there had been any change in the Soviet Union's stand on the war.

"The Soviet Union does not practise 'double diplomacy' *and has no grounds whatsoever* to change its attitude to the war," the spokesman said. "The more so because it has affected our own interests, and *created an explosive situation* in the region in direct proximity to Soviet borders."

Mr Pyadyshev added that while giving serious attention to its bilateral relations with Iran, a bordering state, "the *Soviet Union's policy has* never aimed at building relations with any country to the detriment of the interests of another state or group of states." *He then added:* "This fully applies to our friendly ties with Iraq."

Unlike some in the West, he said, the Soviet Union had not yet written off as a failure the recent peace mission of Señor *Javier Pérez de Cuéllar*, the UN Secretary-General, and claimed that he had accomplished much during his trip to Tehran and Baghdad "and is just making the first steps in the process".

***The Foreign Ministry of*ficial was sharply critical of sections of President Reagan's speech delivered to the United Nations earlier in the week.**

"In a situation where the outline of mutual trust has begun to emerge, *it* is especially unacceptable when the real state of things, including the Soviet Union's position on the situation in the Persian *Gulf, on the situation regard*ing Afghanistan and Nicaragua and on some other important problems, is deliberately distorted," he said.

"It does not become the President even more so to *interfere in the domestic af*fairs of the Soviet Union."

Capitol Hill's attitude

'Once you're there, you've got to defend yourself'

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The American attack received strong bipartisan support yesterday as US diplomatic missions around the world were put on top alert against possible reprisals.

Representative Les Aspin, Democratic chairman of the House of Representatives armed services committee and a critic of US policies in the Gulf, said that the Administration had "behaved exactly right". He did not believe that as a result of the action the Gulf had become a more dangerous place. "Once you are there you have got to defend yourself," he said.

Senator Richard Lugar, a leading Republican member of the Senate foreign relations committee, said the Iranians had been caught red-handed in international waters. Nobody would believe the Iranian claim that the mine-laying vessel was a cargo ship carrying food.

Congressmen of both parties backed Mr Reagan's assertion that the US action was justified under international law. The White House said the Iranians had been told how the US would respond to the laying of mines. "US forces acted in a defensive manner and in accordance with existing rules of engagement," it added.

General Vernon Walters, US Ambassador to the United Nations, said that sowing mines in open international waters was an act of piracy. "Under the rules of engagement it requires engagement," he added. It would be imprudent of Iran to seek reprisals.

General Walters said he did not think the incident would affect UN-sponsored peace negotiations, "despite the rhetoric and bluster to the contrary". He had been discussing with Soviet, Chinese, British and French colleagues the possibility of a Security Council resolution imposing an arms embargo against Iran if it turned down the Council's mandatory ceasefire resolution. All were equally determined that if the resolution was flouted or defied, then enforcement action must be taken.

The Pentagon said yesterday that planting mines in international waters far from Iran was a violation of international law, "an indiscriminate, unjustifiable threat to the shipping of all nations".

It said that two helicopters using infra-red night-vision sensors spotted objects being dropped over the side of an Iranian Navy amphibious landing ship, the Iran Ajr, near an anchorage in international waters about 50 miles north-east of Bahrain. The helicopters, from the frigate Jarrett, attacked with machine-gun and rocket fire. The ship was set afire at the stern and lay dead in the water. It was boarded seven hours later, when three dead sailors and 10 mines, together with mine-arming equipment, were found.

The Pentagon added that 26 of the 31-man crew were rescued from a life-raft and the water. Four of those in the life-raft were injured, three seriously. At least six mines had been thrown overboard. Yesterday morning the boat was taken into tow by an American warship.

British strategy

Armilla Patrol's options

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

British defence chiefs agreed yesterday that "for the moment" the Royal Navy's Armilla Patrol of three warships should continue its normal operating pattern, despite the attack on the British-registered tanker Gentle Breeze, at the northern end of the Gulf.

A number of options have been drawn up, however, in the event of further attacks on British shipping in the part of the Gulf that is not covered by the Royal Navy.

Although it is hoped that Monday night's attack was not a deliberate move against a British ship, the defence chiefs have now been forced to consider the possibility of recommending to the Government that the Armilla Patrol's duties should be extended if there are many more attacks in the same area.

The options are:

To maintain the three-ship force but to extend its patrols to beyond Bahrain. This would mean that the three ships and their crews would be allowed less time for rest and recreation. Under the current pattern, two ships remain on duty while the third has two weeks off.

The frigate HMS Brazen is now in Mauritius, while HMS Andromeda, a frigate, and HMS Edinburgh, a destroyer, share the responsibility of accompanying as many British-flagged tankers as possible up to Bahrain.

To extend the patrols and increase the force by one more warship. This would be an important switch in Government policy. It would also involve two extra ships, not one.

At present there are six frigates and destroyers at any one time either on patrol or on passage or training for Gulf duties. This represents more than 12 per cent of the Royal Navy's frigate-destroyer force.

Iran's naval decline

Small fry from once-mighty sea power

From Robert Fisk
Bahrain

America's first victim amid the once proud but now somewhat decrepit Iranian Navy turned out yesterday to have *been* a singularly unromantic representative of the maritime power that once policed the Gulf.

The Iran Ajr was a nine-year-old Japanese-built roll-on, roll-off cargo *and landing* craft which numbered among the smallest vessels in Iran's Navy.

Indeed, there was even some doubt that it belonged to the Iranian Navy at all. It does not appear in any naval manuals, and its owner is officially listed as Iran National Shipping Lines, with its home port *Bandar Abbas*.

But it was just such a vessel *that the Western navies sus*pected had been used by the Libyans to sow mines in the Red Sea between August and October 1984, and Chinese *intelligence in Tehran* has been reporting for some weeks that the Iranians had been re-equipping their small fleet of "ro-ros" for mining operations in the Gulf.

The Iran Ajr appears to have a sister ship still in service – the Iran Asr – and the Navy includes seven tank-landing vessels, four built in The Netherlands, the rest in South Korea.

The Iran Ajr has, or had before the US Navy helicopters attacked it on Monday night, a bow door and ramp which would have made it ideal for small-scale mine-laying.

Indeed, the Iranian Navy actually includes a yacht in its Gulf fleet, the 178-tonne Kish, which was commissioned *in* 1970 under the Shah, who made Tehran's fleet a formidable force.

Iranian minesweepers do still sail and their helicopters are still in operation; foreign correspondents watched the Iranian Navy perform some rather ostentatious minesweeping operations in the Gulf of Oman only last month. But almost all recent attacks *on merchant* shipping in the Strait of Hormuz – certainly since the arrival of the increased American naval force – have been carried out by *small speedboats*.

The legal position

Experts question US justification

By Nicholas Beeston

Washington's claim that its attack on an Iranian vessel was legally justified is already being questioned by experts on naval warfare.

President Reagan justified the action as "authorized by law". The Iranian mine-laying was described by the armed services committee chairman, Mr Les Aspin, as "an act of war" and by the US Ambassador to the UN, General Vernon Walters, as "an act of piracy".

By strict maritime definition none of the terms is correct, but US policy was set out by a US Navy spokesman in Washington, who said that the action was taken in "self-defence" under the "tailor-made" rules of engagement used by the American forces.

"The rules of engagement have been repeatedly provided to the Iranians through Western embassies in Tehran; one of them stipulates that we will attack any ship caught laying mines in international sea lanes," he said.

He added that the helicopter crew which opened fire on the Iranian vessel without warning had observed the Iranians laying six mines and that when the ship was inspected by a boarding party it discovered 10 more mines.

Professor Gerald Draper, an expert on maritime law, said yesterday that any act of self-defence should be proportional to the threat posed.

Asked about the immediacy of the mine threat against US shipping, the Pentagon spokesman said that Washington did not comment on the future movements of its ships.

Iraq's good fortune as America runs risk of Tehran retaliation

From Robert Fisk
Bahrain

By a stroke of what President Saddam Hussein of Iraq must regard as remarkably good fortune, his country is the only real winner of Tuesday morning's dramatic American air attack on the Iranian naval vessel Iran Ajr.

In a few seconds of gunfire from only two helicopters, Washington aligned itself with Baghdad as an anti-Tehran belligerent.

There will be no debate in the Iraqi capital about the wisdom of the United States action, which may indeed turn out to be justified under international law. Nor will there be any but the remotest feeling of gratitude that the US Navy was apparently trying to honour its promise to maintain the freedom of the Gulf sea-lanes.

For in those few seconds that it took Rear-Admiral Harold Bernsen to decide that the sonar-equipped helicopters of the USS Jarrett should attack the Iran Ajr, Iraq was effectively forgiven for its own far more devastating missile attack on the American vessel's sister ship, USS Stark, on May 17.

The Arab Gulf states – which before the Iran-Iraq war were almost as frightened of Baghdad's territorial ambitions as they now are of Tehran's – significantly failed to applaud the US action, although they discreetly demonstrated their approval by reference to the United Nations.

Sheikh Sabah al-Sabah, the Foreign Minister of Kuwait, claimed yesterday that President Reagan's demand to the UN General Assembly that Iran should abide by the UN ceasefire appeal, was "clear, frank and concrete". If the other four permanent members of the Security Council would not follow Mr Reagan's lead, then they would no longer be taken seriously.

To praise Mr Reagan on the day after such an incident in the Gulf was a typical way for conservative Arabs to have shown their support for the US attack. To feel secret satisfaction while officially distancing oneself from the effects of such an event has long been a principle response among the Arab states of the Middle East.

There was a curiously similar reaction when the Americans carried out their violent air raids on the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi last year. Washington's real sin at that time (as privately expressed in the halls of power in Cairo, for example) was not that its attack had cost innocent civilian lives, but that it had failed to kill Colonel Gadaffi.

> ❛ Baghdad has been forgiven for its assault on an American ship ❜

For both Iraq and its Arab neighbours – be they financial allies, such as Kuwait, or less happy supporters further down the Gulf – the principal satisfaction of the whole affair is that they are unlikely to be asked to pay the cost. In this case, Iran's retaliation, whatever form it may take, is unlikely to be visited upon the nations of the Gulf littoral.

Indeed, if one casts one's eyes around the Middle East, the possible targets are all too evident: American embassies, oil companies, business offices and civilian airliners. Although there are good reasons to suppose that the American hostages in Lebanon will not be harmed, not least because of the quiet negotiations which are still continuing for their release, their families can only be fearful of the results of the Gulf attack.

The most vulnerable, most helpless Americans of all still lie in those basements in west Beirut. One of them, Peter Kilburn, was murdered in reprisal for last year's US air raids on Libya.

Sometimes, of course, equations have a terrible quality about them. Given Washington's current success in arms reduction talks with Moscow and the forthcoming summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov, it might be argued that a small American tragedy in the Middle East, a setback of moderate proportions, can be absorbed now in a way it could not have been in the immediate aftermath of the Irangate scandal.

US diplomats in Beirut used to argue in 1983 that, whenever the Reagan Administration was enjoying some domestic political success, its Middle East policy would inevitably become more reckless. What happened early on Tuesday morning might even be interpreted as a step forward: America had put its muscle where its heart was, in its determination to secure freedom of navigation in the Gulf.

The Arabs will realize, so it will inevitably be argued, that the US means business. There will be no more marine retreats down the beaches of Beirut, and hitting the Iranians where it hurts produces some satisfaction within a nation still bitterly angry at the humiliation of the US Embassy hostages in Tehran, the destruction of the embassy and the Marine base in Beirut in 1983, and the subsequent taking of American hostages in Lebanon.

> ❛ The decision to attack can scarcely lead to hoped-for ceasefire ❜

Nor will the US action against the Iran Ajr produce any sorrow in London, where the Iranian assault on the British-flagged oil tanker Gentle Breeze, only a few hours before the US helicopter attack, has produced expressions of outrage from Mrs Thatcher.

That particular raid might well have been timed to coincide with the arrival of the Royal Navy's minesweepers off Fujairah, and thus could have been a deliberate blow against the British rather than just further retaliation against the economy of Iraq's ally, Kuwait, to which the Gentle Breeze was steaming.

But the US decision to attack the Iranian ship was nonetheless a seminal moment, the final internationalization of the Gulf War which can scarcely lead to the ceasefire for which the United Nations has been appealing.

The idea that military action can produce political solutions has never worked in the Gulf. One only has to ask the Iraqis, who have followed that policy unsuccessfully for seven long years.

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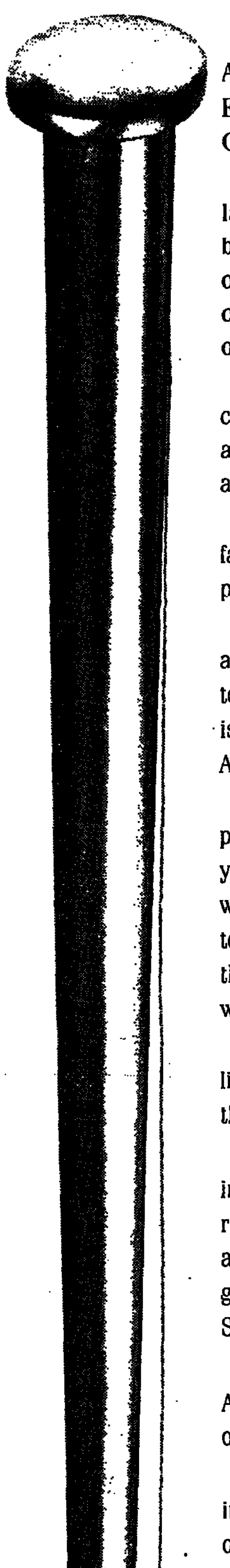

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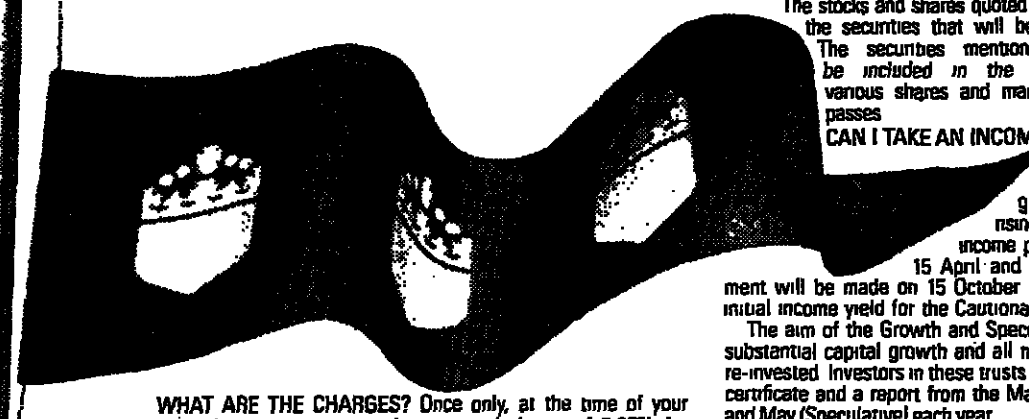

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White House gives pledge to King on MacBride principles

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has been given a categorical assurance by the Reagan Administration that it will continue stiff opposition to the so-called MacBride principles, which call on American companies in Northern Ireland to employ more Roman Catholics.

He said yesterday, on the second day of an official visit to the US, that the Administration shared fears that widespread adoption of the principles could lead to disinvestment by American companies in Ulster. There were a "few elements" who saw the principles as a big stick with which to hit the British Government in pursuit of wider political aims.

Mr King's visit, his first in 18 months, is designed to explain British Government attempts to fight discrimination in Northern Ireland, against both Catholics and Protestants, and to present a positive account of political developments in the province. He has met the full Senate foreign relations committee and the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives.

"The US Government understands our concerns about MacBride," he told a press conference at the British Embassy. Even supporters of the principles had told him that they did not want US firms to disinvest. The British, Irish and US Governments were all "shoulder to shoulder on this point", he said.

He emphasized that American companies which observed the MacBride principles — thereby choosing employees on the basis of religious affiliation — could find themselves in conflict with the law.

New York — Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, yesterday visited the William Lloyd Garrison elementary school, South Bronx, whose success with black and Hispanic pupils is nationally recognized (John Clare writes).

Mr King's trip will include visits to New York, Chicago, Boston, Seattle and Wilmington, Delaware. He was to have met Senator Edward Kennedy yesterday, but the Massachusetts Democrat pulled out, saying he was too preoccupied by Senate hearings on the nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.

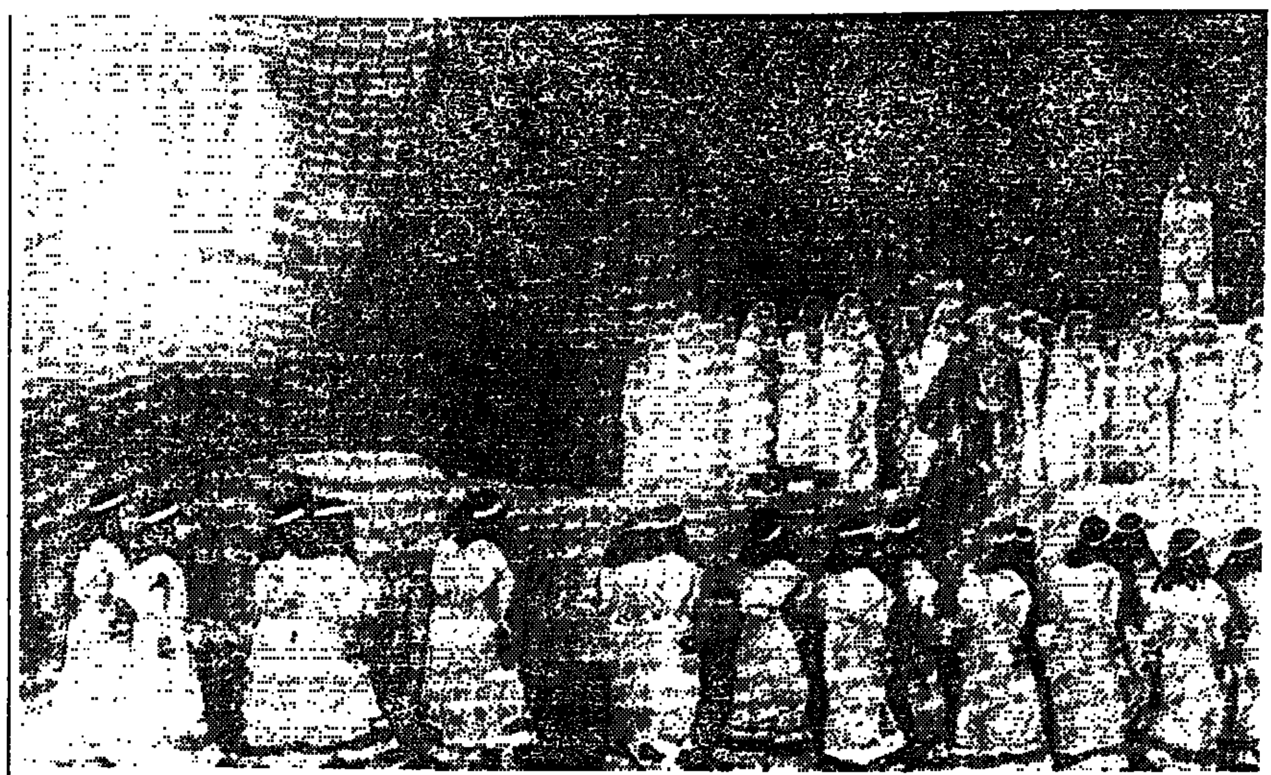
He was to have delivered a speech to businessmen at the American Chamber of Commerce in New York later in the trip, but that was cancelled because attendance would have been low due to a Jewish holiday on the same day.

Mr King is not, at this stage, seeking additional US contributions to the international fund set up under a trilateral accord between Britain, the Irish Republic and the United States last September as an adjunct to the Anglo-Irish accord of November, 1985.

The US appropriated $50 million (£30 million) to the fund last year, all of which was handed over in March. Another $35 million (£21 million) has been approved for each of the two following years. Much of Mr King's discussions have been taken up with explaining how the money is being used.

Yesterday he met Senator Patrick Moynihan, a leading Irish-American, followed by talks with the House of Representatives' Friends of Ireland group. He later met Mr Jim Wright, the Democratic Speaker of the House.

Protestant politicians have begun stepping up their visits to the US to campaign against the Anglo-Irish agreement and the international fund.



Pyramids provide opera backdrop

Rehearsals under way, above, for the first act of the opera *Aida*, on what is said to be the world's largest outdoor stage, with the 4,600-year-old Pyramids and Sphinx as backdrop.

The elaborate £2.5 million joint production by Teatro Petruzzelli, of Bari, Italy, and Egyptian singers and dancers, opened its series of eight performances on Monday before a celebrity audience of 5,000 (AP reports from the Giza Plateau, Egypt). A similar series was performed outside the Luxor Temple in Upper Egypt in May.

The President of the Italian Senate, Signor Giovanni Spadolini, headed the list of dignitaries attending, who included the Saudi arms dealer, Mr Adnan Kashoggi and his wife Lamia, right, and two daughters of King Husain of Jordan, Alia and Aisha.

Omar Sharif, the Egyptian actor, gave an opening speech in which, on behalf of President Mubarak and Egypt, he dedicated the evening to peace.

Kurdish rebels kill children

Ankara — In an apparent show of audacity timed to coincide with a visit to the area by President Evren, Kurdish rebels have struck again in south-eastern Turkey, killing 12 people including four children and five women (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

The children and women were killed when guerrillas of the illegal Kurdish Workers' Party attacked a cluster of farmhouses near the village of Gunesli. The victims apparently refused to reveal the whereabouts of a relative the rebels were seeking in order to execute. One girl survived by hiding under the corpse of her mother.

In another village, in Bingol province, rebels reportedly dragged the headman to the village square and shot him.

Tamils clash

Colombo (Reuter) — Tamil Tigers attacked members of the rival People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam at Vavuniya in northern Sri Lanka with guns, grenades and mortars, killing at least seven in a battle that raged for more than two hours.

Tank crash

Celle, West Germany (Reuter) — A West German motorist was crushed to death when he collided with a Belgian tank on Nato exercises after overtaking two cars on a narrow country lane.

Chile kidnap

Santiago (Reuter) — A military judge has imposed a news blackout on the kidnap of Colonel Carlos Carreno of the Chilean Army, after left-wing guerrillas issued a recorded message allegedly from the officer urging the Government to accept terms for his release.

Bike deaths

Moscow (Reuter) — Eight thousand people were killed and more than 60,000 were injured in motor-cycle accidents in the Soviet Union last year.

Adviser killed

Moscow (Reuter) — Alexander Babchenko, a Soviet adviser to Afghanistan's official youth organization, has been killed in a car crash there.

Nato must wrest arms initiative from Moscow, strategist says

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Nato must now "set the pace and calendar" for future arms control initiatives instead of being forced to react to adroit moves by the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, according to the new director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

M Francois Heisbourg, a distinguished French analyst who took up his appointment in London this week, gave his warning to the Western alliance yesterday of the problems ahead, particularly after an intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) agreement is signed by the superpowers.

He said that he favoured strongly an allied summit meeting soon to map out the strategy for conventional arms control talks, which are now regarded as the crucial issue for Europe. "This will be the most complicated of all the arms control negotiations and the most fraught with pitfalls and traps."

M Heisbourg: The side that is always reactive loses.

If Mr Gorbachov were to make a significant gesture on reducing Warsaw Pact forces once the INF treaty has been signed, Nato governments should listen but not react immediately. M Heisbourg said: "We have to be pro-active from now on, not forced into a reactive role. When you play any game, the side that is always reactive is the one that loses."

He said that the West should beware, as Mr Gorbachov could afford to be generous on the conventional side. With five generations of tanks still deployed, he could withdraw large numbers unilaterally, but he would undoubtedly want to trade them off against Nato forces.

M Heisbourg, who for three years was international security adviser to the French defence minister and who since 1984 has been vice-president of Thomson SA, Europe's largest electronics firm, has begun his appointment with the internationally respected institute at the most crucial period of the East-West arms debate. He intends to use his time fully to warn of the pitfalls that lie ahead.

With INF nearly resolved, he foresees that the main focus will now be on conventional and short-range nuclear forces. Although both the United States and Soviet Union had indicated their willingness to move smartly towards a second agreement, reducing strategic missiles (Start) by 50 per cent, M Heisbourg said he seriously doubted whether this would be possible by next spring, as has been suggested.

The Start issue was so closely linked in Soviet eyes to strategic defence — the SDI/Star Wars programme — that unless there were a "significant movement" by Washington on SDI and its interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, he could not see an agreement on strategic weapons in the near future.

"What we have to get to grips with is serious arms control on the conventional side," M Heisbourg said. "It will be divisive for the Atlantic alliance not only politically but also in intellectual, conceptual terms.

"We must not be railroaded into a position which we would later regret. We have to take time to work out what our common interests are. No one has seriously thought through what sort of cuts we want."

M Heisbourg, aged 38, believes that the Kremlin's avowed security policy has not changed, despite Mr Gorbachov's different approach. The two major aims, he said, were the denuclearization of Europe and opposition to the "establishment of any European military pillar".

Whenever there was any talk in the West of the need for greater cohesion among European nations, Moscow denounced it as a sign of militarism or of West German revanchism.

Yet now, more than ever, it was necessary for Europeans to work out together what they wanted from arms control in the future. It was vital that the Alliance took care to ensure West Germany's security, in particular, since it was intrinsically the most vulnerable country.

On the Gulf crisis, M Heisbourg said that one of the key problems was that Iran was no longer acting predictably. In the past, because of its own economic reasons for keeping oil traffic moving through the Gulf, it had not "overtly" attacked warships of the major powers which had vessels in the Gulf region.

But now the Iranians no longer seemed in control of their own actions - a facet which was causing increasing tension.

M Heisbourg ruled out, however, any military confrontation between the US and the Soviet Union over the Gulf crisis.

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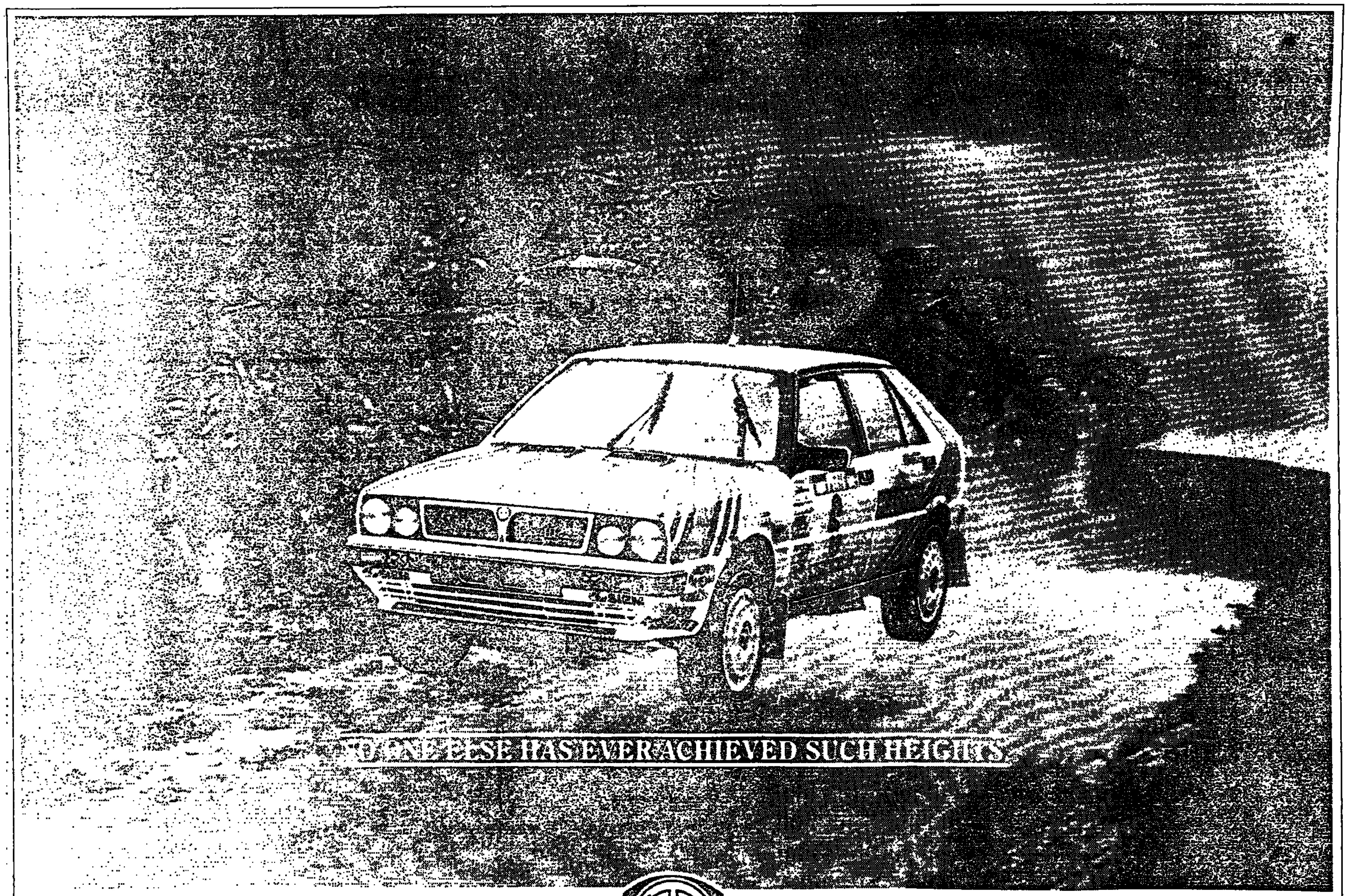

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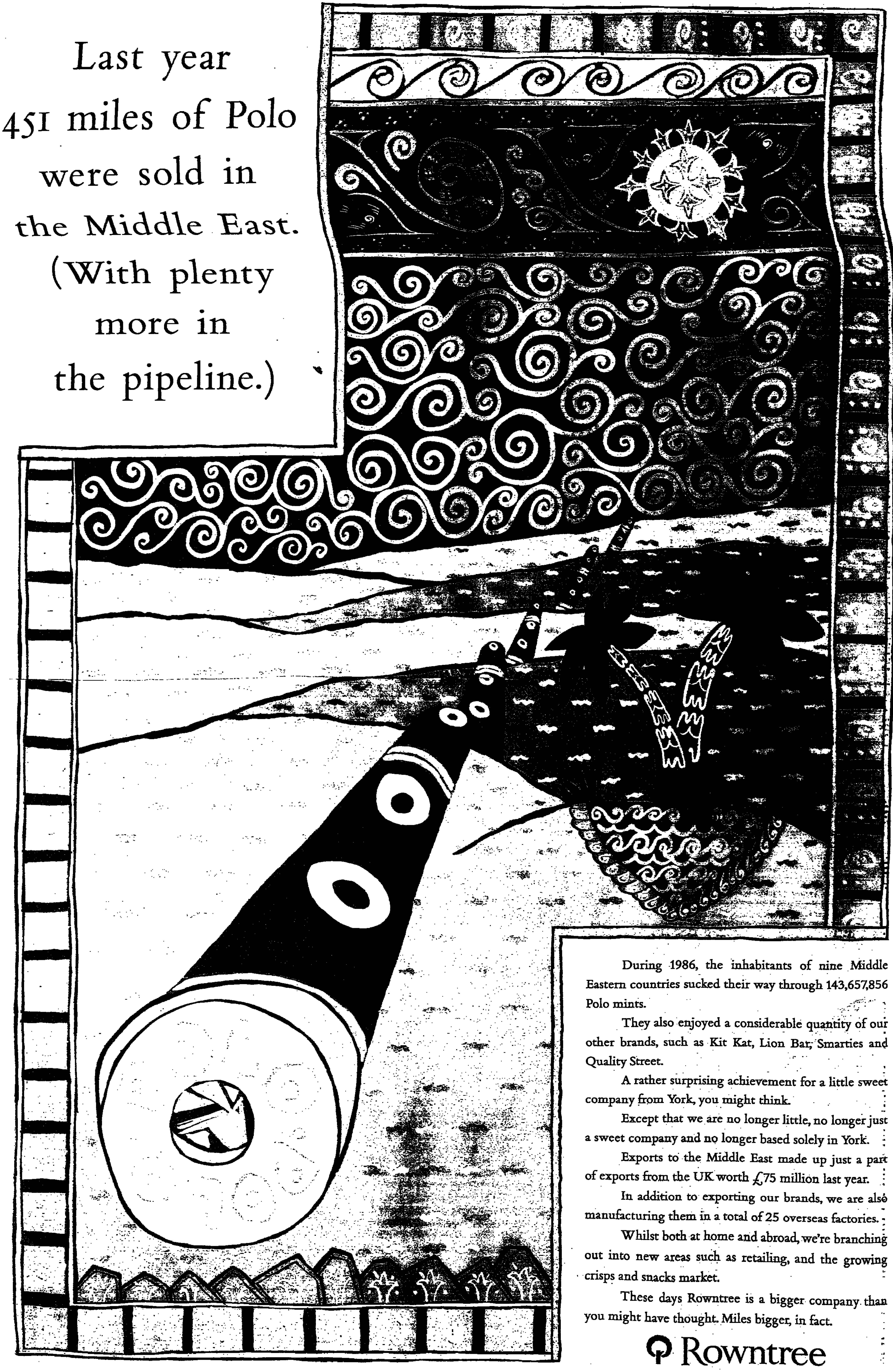

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Nkomo stunned as Harare minister bans his Zapu party

From Jan Raath, Harare

Mr Enos Nkala, the Zimbabwe Minister of Home Affairs, has announced what is tantamount to a comprehensive ban on the opposition Zapu party of Mr Joshua Nkomo because of its alleged links with anti-government guerrillas in the western provinces of Matabeleland.

In an interview published in the local press here yesterday, Mr Nkala said he had ordered the closure of Zapu's offices and that the party structures "will not function". He also said the party would from now on be treated in the same way as Renamo (the Mozambique National Resistance), with which Zimbabwe is in a state of open warfare.

He was quoted as saying that he had gathered information on Zapu supporters and "certain people in the leadership" who were to be "eliminated".

Mr Nkala said he had told security personnel to treat Zapu like Renamo because guerrillas "swim in the political structures of Zapu".

Military sources ascribe the guerrillas' ability to have survived continuous military campaigns since 1982 to the support, voluntary and under duress, of Matabeleland peasants who support Zapu overwhelmingly. But the Government has yet to produce convincing evidence that the party itself is involved directly with the guerillas.

Mr Nkomo, incredulous at Mr Nkala's statement, told *The Times* yesterday that the minister was "out of his political mind", and would be arresting "people who are working for unity and stability in this country".

He said: "There is no such thing about Zapu structures fighting against anybody. This is a campaign by Nkala, and I disagree it is a campaign by the Government."

Mr Nkomo, who draws his support from the Ndebele-speaking people of the western third of the country, was referring to the lasting enmity between himself and Mr Nkala, dating back to the split in black nationalism in the Sixties. Mr Nkala is also the only Ndebele member of the Politburo of the ruling Zanu (PF) party.

Political sources in the capital, however, report that Mr Nkala has been in full consultation with senior Cabinet colleagues over what he described as "the first step to the unfolding programme of security activities".

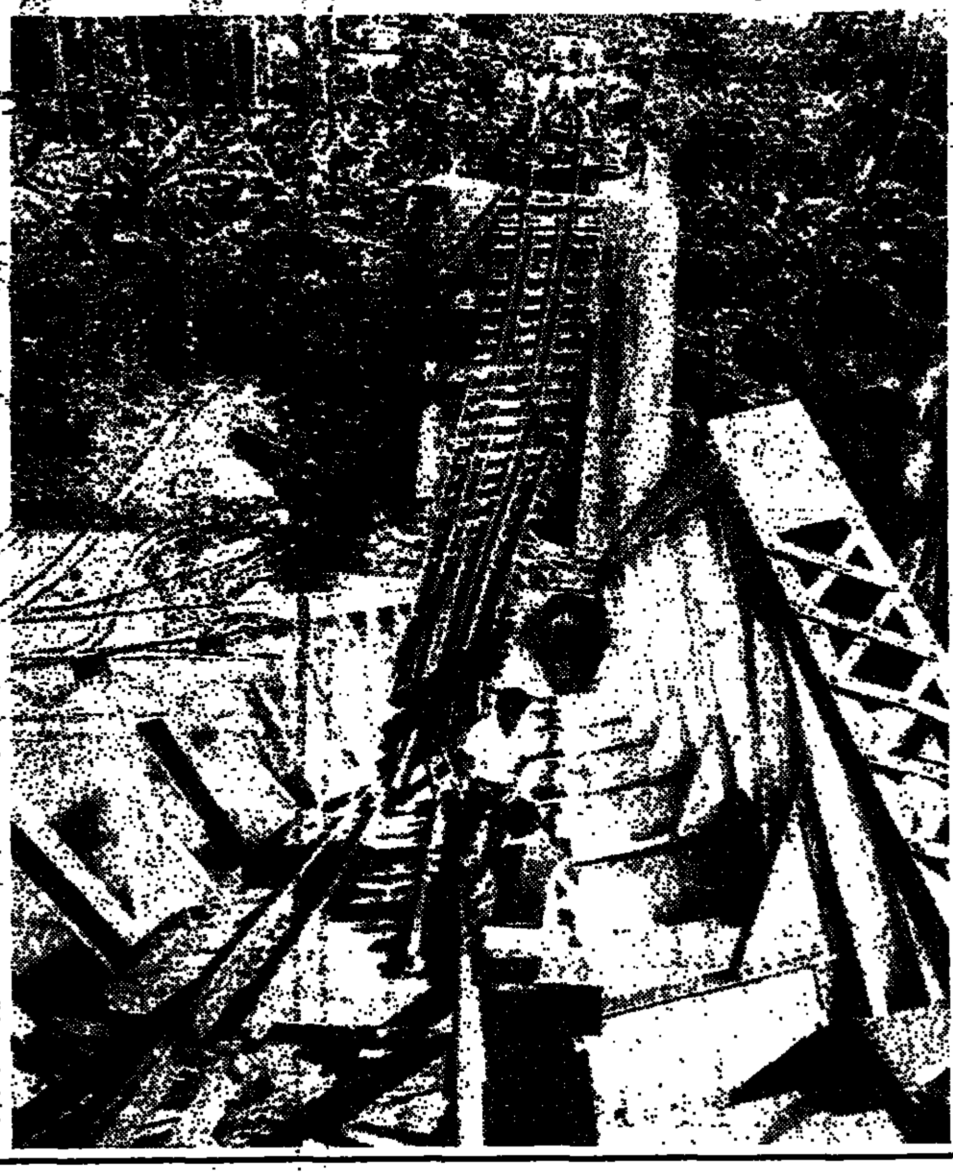
Mr Nkala is also the first senior Zanu (PF) official to admit that the resurgence of guerrilla activity is linked to the failed talks for power sharing between the two parties. Since mid-April, when Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, announced the cancellation of unity talks, "bandits" are reported to have killed 27 people, including white farmers, government officials and black civilians.

No use appears to have been made of the prodigious array of legislation held by Zanu (PF) to proscribe political opposition, and lawyers say that the minister appeared to be carrying out his action "on his own say-so".

Mr Joseph Msika, Zapu's vice-president, said he was taking legal advice, and lawyers agreed that without making use of the relevant legislation Mr Nkala appeared to be in contravention of the Constitution's Bill of Rights.

Zapu now appears to have only one substantive office — its headquarters in Lobengula Street in Bulawayo, which was searched by police last week.

Rebels boost attacks after coup bid



Workers inspecting the wreckage of a railway bridge 250 miles south-east of Manila after it was blown up by communist guerrillas of the New People's Army. Seven policemen were killed in the gun battle that followed.

General Fidel Ramos, the Philippines military chief, said yesterday that rebels were killing more soldiers now than before last month's failed military coup and that the country's political situation "clearly is bad" (Reuter reports from Manila).

Speaking at a Foreign Correspondents Association luncheon, he said that despite the crushing of the revolt "we are not out of the woods yet".

General Ramos said the mutiny had given Communist rebels new opportunities for attacks, resulting in more rebel-related violence now than in the period before the coup attempt. Since the coup, an average of four soldiers a day been killed compared to the previous daily average of three.

Asked if he thought the time had come for President Aquino to proclaim a state of emergency and take extraordinary powers, the General said: "We are not yet in that situation."

● Support pledge: Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, pledged EEC support for President Aquino after a meeting at the presidential palace here yesterday. He gave no details of his talks (AFP reports).

Fiji rivals pledge to work for democracy

Suva (Reuter) — Fiji's rival political parties agreed yesterday to form a caretaker government to work towards restoring democracy in the South Pacific group of islands.

The agreement follows four rounds of negotiations between the coalition parties of Dr Timoci Bavadra, the Prime Minister deposed in a military takeover on May 14, which are backed by Indian groups, and the Alliance Party of Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, supported by indigenous Fijians.

The two sides said in a joint statement that the bipartisan government would work towards solving the constitutional crisis precipitated by the coup. Fiji is at present ruled by an interim administration headed by the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, who invited Dr Bavadra and Ratu Mara to combine in efforts to restore democratic rule.

Demands by the indigenous Fijians to strengthen their constitutional, economic and social interests would be taken into consideration.

The coup followed Fijian agitation against the newly-elected government of Dr Bavadra, which gave ethnic Indians a dominant political role for the first time. Indians slightly outnumber indigenous people in the population of 714,000.

Botha policy shift on nuclear treaty

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's signal, on the eve of yesterday's opening of the 31st general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, that it might soon sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty is an *important shift of policy by Pretoria.*

South Africa has hitherto deliberately kept the world guessing about whether it has tested nuclear weapons and about its future intentions. There is no doubt that Pretoria has the capacity to make such weapons.

In 1977, American and Soviet satellite surveillance spotted what appeared to be evidence of preparations to test a nuclear device in the Kalahari desert. Two years later, a US satellite detected a double flash off the South African coast that might have been caused by a small atmospheric nuclear explosion.

If Pretoria signed the treaty it would be obliged to open all of its nuclear plants and facilities to on-site inspection by IAEA officials, to determine whether any fuel was being diverted to military projects.

South Africa has put its sole French-built nuclear power station, at Koeberg, near Cape Town, under IAEA safeguards. This means that the plutonium produced in the plant cannot be diverted clandestinely for military use.

In 1984, Pretoria also announced that it would "administer its nuclear affairs in a manner which is in line with the spirit, principles and goals of the treaty", and undertook not to export nuclear fuel or technology to countries not covered by IAEA safeguards.

But South Africa has so far refused to allow IAEA inspection of its pilot uranium enrichment plant at the Pelindaba-Valindaba complex near Pretoria. This is estimated to produce enough highly enriched uranium to make two or three nuclear explosive devices annually.

President Botha's statement on Monday night was carefully hedged. "South Africa hopes that it will soon be able to sign the treaty," he said, "and is prepared to commence negotiation with each of the nuclear weapons states."

He added that these negotiations would be influenced by *the outcome* of the IAEA conference — a clear reference to moves in Vienna by Third World and Communist bloc member states to have South Africa suspended from the organization.

It remains to be seen whether the South African gesture — understood to have been made at strong American and British urging — will suffice to forestall suspension.

President Botha: change in policy is carefully hedged.

The low-cholesterol yolk

Taking the sin out of fried breakfast

From Charles Bremner, New York

Americans having trouble with the "Just Say No" doctrine of the self-restrained Eighties may soon be able to enjoy three new ways of eating their cake and having it too, so to speak.

If the bureaucrats approve, it will soon be possible to gorge on low-cholesterol eggs fried in "fat-free fat" and then light up a smoke-free cigarette that will not invoke the scorn and *indignation of your* non-smoking neighbours.

The creators of the new egg, produced by clean-living hens in Pennsylvania, hope to corner a market that has been shrinking despite the current boom in business circles for the "power breakfast". The heavy cholesterol quota in normal egg yolks has been turning health-*conscious* executives towards items like bran waffles or racking others with guilt as they order their sunny-side ups or, worse still, eggs Benedict (*toast*, ham, poached eggs and hollandaise sauce).

Environment Systems Incorporated, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, say its battery hens are laying eggs that have 20 to 30 per cent less cholesterol.

The firm has achieved this by giving the birds healthy feed like soya bean meal and creating an environment that strives to imitate that of an unstressful, traditional outdoor life. Mr John Albright, director of ESI, says this includes artificial sunshine.

His eggs are already doing well in Pennsylvania, and he hopes to market his system through franchises around the country.

The non-fat fat, called Olestra, still has to contend with a thicket of red tape at the Food and Drug Administration, but its makers, the food giant Procter & Gamble, are hoping for something spectacular — a product that can turn junk food like hamburgers and ice cream into nearly sin-free health food.

"*Olestra provides* the same rich taste as full-calorie fats and oils but because it is not absorbed by the body is totally calorie and cholesterol free," Procter & Gamble says. It also claims that Olestra may actually help to reduce the level of cholesterol in the blood.

According to the company, which has been developing Olestra for 20 years, the product tastes exactly the same as natural fat, whether serving as cooking oil, butter or lard.

No one *is claiming that* the smoke-free cigarettes, announced last week by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, are any more than a little healthier for the smoker, but they are intended to make his or her social life easier.

Smokers in America have become virtual outcasts, victims of derision from abstinent fellow-citizens. Local authorities across the country are increasingly banning smoking from restaurants, offices and public places, and anti-smoking groups are subjecting them to lawsuits for polluting the air.

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The new Escort LX

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☐ 5 speed gearbox

Improved roadholding

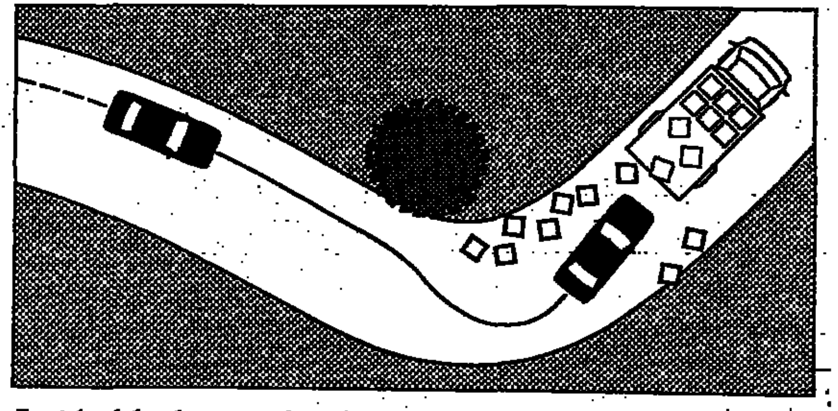
☐ The wider the tyres, the greater the grip. Both our new LX models have wide 175/70x13 tyres.

Extra driving features

☐ Rear wash/wipe is added to the Escort Popular and the Granada L.

☐ There's nothing as dim as dirty headlights, so headlight washers are a pretty bright idea. For the long nights ahead they're now standard on all Granada Ghias.

☐ The Escort Ghia gets powered, heated mirrors. They demist and dry themselves as well as adjusting electrically.



Anti-lock brakes are already standard in many Fords. Now we're making them available as options on even more: including all Escorts and Orions with manual gearboxes.

☐ The XR3i gets driving lights as standard, just what you need with winter coming on.

☐ Front fog lights are often a bonus, especially for the business driver. From today they're standard on all Granada Ghias.

☐ The electrically heated windscreen is clearly a worthwhile feature. It's standard equipment on the new Granada Ghia X.

More 5 speeds

☐ For effortless motorway performance, a five speed gearbox is now standard on Escort L and Orion L models.

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More enjoyment

☐ Few extras give more pleasure than a sunroof, especially the Ford design which tilts as well as slides. Sunroofs are now standard in the Escort GL and in the new Escort LX and Orion LX models.

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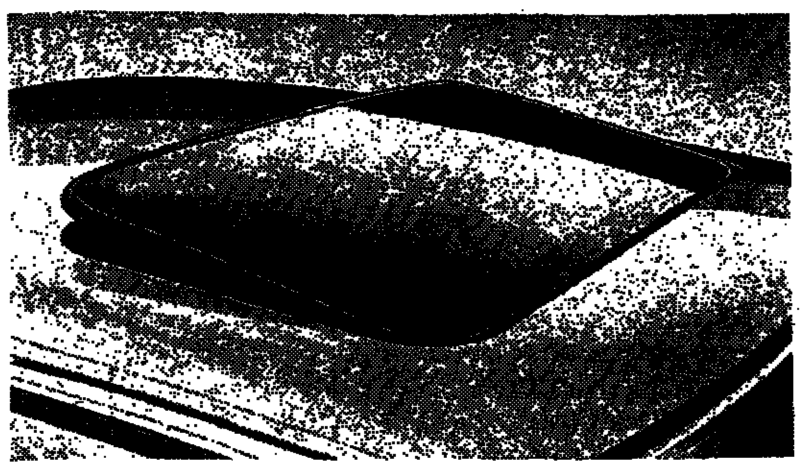


The tilting/sliding sunroof on the Ford Orion GL.

Just a reminder. Earlier this year Ford launched the new Sierra Sapphire. So now you can buy a Sierra with a boot.

Greater comfort

☐ Tinted glass doesn't just look good, it reduces glare and keeps your car cooler inside. We've made it standard in the Granada GL and in the Escort LX and Orion LX models.

☐ How many times have you locked your doors but forgotten to lock your boot? It couldn't happen if you had central locking. Now it's standard in Escort GL and Orion GL models – and the Escort XR3i.

☐ An anti-theft alarm is a powerful deterent. Now it's standard on the new Granada Ghia X.

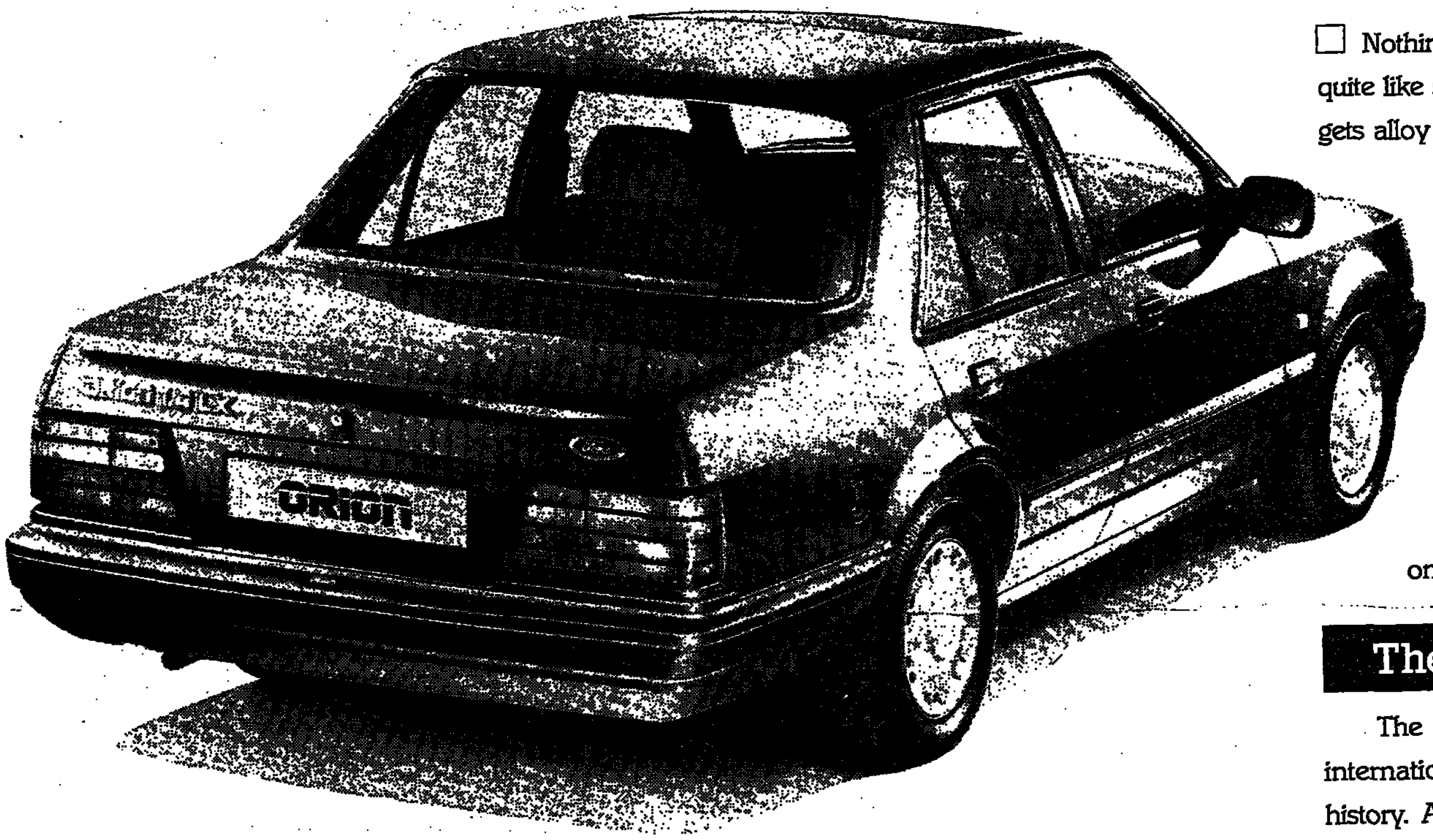
Better looks

☐ Nothing improves the appearance of a car quite like smarter wheels. The Orion Ghia Injection gets alloy wheels as standard. And the Orion Ghia gets new wheel covers.

☐ Metallic paint, too, will always catch the eye. It's available at no extra cost on the Granada Ghia X.

Lighter handling

☐ Parking a big car can be heavy going, unless, of course, it's equipped with power steering. Now it's standard on 2.0 litre Granada L and GL models.



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☐ 1.4 or 1.6 litre engines
☐ 5 speed gearbox

☐ The Granada GL now gets electric front windows, much appreciated at automatic car park ticket barriers or passing through toll booths.

☐ Wood veneer is now added to the Granada Ghia instrument panel.

Greater security

☐ Have you ever had your radio aerial whipped off in the car wash? It'll never happen again in an Escort L or LX or Orion L or LX. Because all four models have built-in rear window radio aerials – while the Escort Cabriolet now gets a power aerial.

The new Granada Ghia X

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Altogether, it's quite a car. In fact, the only car that can beat it is the Scorpio. But that's another story.

Cars with a future Ford

SPECTRUM

Birds, bees and Betty Grable

LETTERS —*from*— SCHOOL

In the third of his letters to an imaginary parent, John Rae, the former headmaster of Westminster School, tells of his own early ignorance on the subject of girls and explains how he was converted from a crusader to a sceptic in the argument over sex education

Dear Parent,

You are not at all unusual. I found it so difficult even to contemplate talking to my children about sex that I never said a word. Heaven knows what harm I did or avoided by my silence. At least Timothy has raised the subject with you. You ask what aspects of sex education the school covers and what you should say to Timothy if he raises one of the topics you have listed.

On the benefits of lessons labelled sex education, I am an agnostic. I know what I want the benefits to be but I have no idea whether they occur. The principal benefit should be that the pupils achieve a degree of understanding and confidence which in turn will help them to make mature sexual *relationships as adults. But there* is no way of knowing whether there is a connection between sex education and adult relationships.

I was once a believer. It is important that you should know why, because a headmaster's policies are profoundly influenced by *his own experience. Men of* my generation and upbringing had no sex education. My parents made no attempt to enlighten me and the school did not even teach the simplest what-goes-where biology. When I was a new boy of 13, my housemaster's only advice was: "If you feel temptation coming on, get changed and go for a run".

My first discussion of sexual intercourse was at the age of 15 with a schoolfriend who claimed to have spent the night with a legless prostitute in Paris. My sexual awakening was entirely in the world of fantasy. I wrote romantic poems to imaginary girls and gazed longingly at Betty Grable's legs in the local Odeon. I never learnt to dance, which in those days *mattered. Such contacts as I had* with girls of my own age were shy and gauche.

When I became a headmaster, without consulting either my colleagues or the parents, I imposed a compulsory course that covered all aspects of sex. The school took it all *in its stride, as schools will when* a new headmaster proclaims his first crusade: Masters and boys reckoned that my enthusiasm would soon wane and they were right.

I overestimated the ability of teachers and outside speakers to communicate the understanding and confidence that I wanted the pupils to acquire. And I assumed, without any evidence, that accurate information and frank discussion would automatically prevent the delayed sexual maturity that I had experienced.

Failure made me sceptical. The only thing approaching sex education here now is the topic of reproduction in the first-year biology course. Even that is probably too late. Once boys reach puberty, the last thing they admit to is ignorance of the basic facts of sex.

There is no school "line" on the topics you have asked me about but I will express a personal view. Does it matter if a 15-year-old boy buys a *soft porn* magazine? I know exactly how I would have reacted if I had found such a magazine under my son's *pillow when he was that age.* I would have said: "I shouldn't bother with this sort of thing if I were you. It's a waste of money." *And* then, having had a surreptitious glance, I would have suggested that he throw it away.

I would have been more worried *if I had* found hard pornography portraying sexual perversion under the pillow; much more worried if it had been a video nasty of sexually inspired violence.

- Boys are interested in, and worried about, their own sexuality. A contemporary of mine at school was known as "Homo Harrison" from the age of 13. Last year he appeared at a Forty Years On reunion and was greeted with cries of "Good old Homo", by men in *their late fifties. I don't think there* was ever any evidence that he was gay but it seems that a group of adolescent boys needs a statutory *homosexual. The danger of the* single-sex boarding school is not that it makes boys homosexual but that it makes them think they are.
- *Should the school teach that a* homosexual relationship has equal validity with a heterosexual one? I do not think it should. A school should teach tolerance and understanding but "equal validity" implies that a homosexual relationship is as normal as a *heterosexual one and by no twist of logic or semantics can homosexuality be described as normal.*
- If, as parents, we were asked a multiple-choice question on how we would react to our 16-year-old son sleeping with his girlfriend, what would be your answer, and mine? Here is *our choice: (1)* do and say nothing; (2) give him advice on contraception; (3) tell him that what he is doing is *morally wrong;* (4) approve of his getting experience before he is married; (5) urge him not to sleep with the girl unless they are in love with one another; (6) tell him you do not mind as long as it is not in your house. And then we should ask ourselves the same question if it was our daughter sleeping with her boyfriend.

I like to think that my answer would be a combination of (2) and (5). My reason would be this. My secular morality is opposed both to being irresponsible about the consequences of your actions and to using other people's emotions for your own pleasure. That is a clear moral position to adopt and it applies to both sexes.

Yours sincerely

John Rae

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> 'It would have dismayed the boys to know their own sex appeal was being assessed'

ENTER THE GIRLS

When I came here I decided to make sixth-form girls full members of the school. On the face of it, the girls have done well: they have achieved good A levels and entry *to the university of their* choice. But there is no way of telling that they would have achieved less if they had stayed at their previous school.

A girl needs confidence and a thick skin to compete in an A level set of bright boys. There are casualties. Very few girls leave because the pressure is too great, but some do withdraw into themselves and even underachieve, frightened of being labelled bluestockings or feminists.

Boys can be cruel when their privileged position is threatened. At one of the big country boarding schools which has admitted girls, the "lads" award the girls marks out of 10 for sex appeal; as the girls walk out of the dining hall, they have to run the gauntlet of shouts of "six", "eight", "three" and so on. Those boys would have been dismayed to learn that their own sex appeal was being even more clinically assessed. Not long ago, the clerk of works showed me a wall covered with graffiti in the girls' lavatory. Most were on the physical attributes, or lack of them, of both masters and boys.

There are still those who imply that the mixed sixth form makes sexual relations more likely. Experience suggests that the reverse is the case. In a boarding school, where the rules make it clear that a boy and girl found in bed together will be expelled, sexual relations are not a course easily open to the pupils.

Some schools impose rules to keep the sexes apart; a six-inch rule in one school, a ban on PDA (Public Displays of Affection) in another. We have never introduced such rules because they would be laughed out of court. And are public displays of affection so undesirable?

Academically, the girls arrive with some disadvantages. Most, for example, have not studied additional maths. But in A level work they are more methodical; in public exams their results equal those of the boys. And if they are at all perceptive, they can learn a lot *about the* [illegible] *of the opp*osite sex [illegible] crash co[illegible] public school [illegible] way that [illegible] how to survive [illegible] society where power is still in the hands of men.

[illegible] boys? Is it in [illegible] of being [illegible] I have observed or remember from my own adolescence persuades me that the distractions of reality are any more potent than the distractions of fantasy.

In other words the girl sitting next to you in the classroom is no greater distraction than the girl who filled your imagination. At 16 I wrote love poems to imaginary girls during history lessons; if it had been a mixed sixth form I would probably have concentrated more on the French Revolution.

Diary of a nice little earner

. . . but the Pepys legacy to his old college could be coming to an end

When the first popular unexpurgated edition of Samuel Pepys's *diaries* is published tomorrow, it will probably be enriching his old college in Cambridge for the last time.

The diarist himself never earned a farthing from his nightly jottings, but Magdalene College, which owns the manuscripts, cashes in every time a bookshop rings the till for Penguin's *Shorter Pepys.*

Magdalene earns around £4,000 a year from Pepys. In a bumper year like 1984, when the definitive 11-volume edition was completed, it received £24,664 — enough to pay a couple of stipends. "It's a very valuable bit of property," says the bursar, Dennis Murphy.

Treasures like this, however, are to be crushed by the Intellectual Properties Bill, which goes before Parliament in November. The Bill, aimed at simplifying copyright law, brings posthumous works into line with those published in the author's lifetime. Instead of enjoying an unlimited term of copy*right, unpublished manu*scripts will be protected for just 50 years after death.

Worst hit will be artists' executors who, *in* order not to swamp the market, release their unpublished works at steady intervals. The last book by *Dylan Thomas,* for example, appeared more than 30 years after his death; the mysteries of Dorothy L. Sayers (died 1957) are still emerging from her estate.

Pepys: unexpurgated version

Neither set of heirs would be entitled to more than a further 20 years' earnings.

Magdalene owns additional scrap books and print *collections left to the college* amongst Pepys's library of 3,000 volumes after his death in 1703.

The famous diaries, written in secretarial shorthand but lapsing into pidgin French and Spanish to *describe sexual* misdemeanours with servant girls, gathered dust in Cambridge for more than a century *before a bowdlerised* selection was issued in 1825. The vivid accounts of the Restoration of Charles II, the Great Plague and the Fire of London, proved so compelling that the diaries have remained in print ever since.

While college income from early editions dried up some years ago, interest has soared again in the past two decades as William Matthews and Robert Latham laboriously retranscribed the original manuscript, restoring many anguished passages in which the writer's conscience wrestled, usually unsuccessfully, with his fleshly appetites. These *intimacies* are now exposed for the first time on the world's paperback racks.

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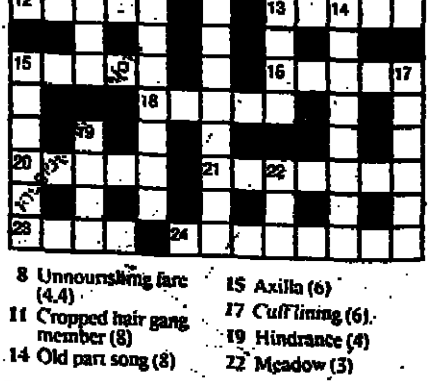

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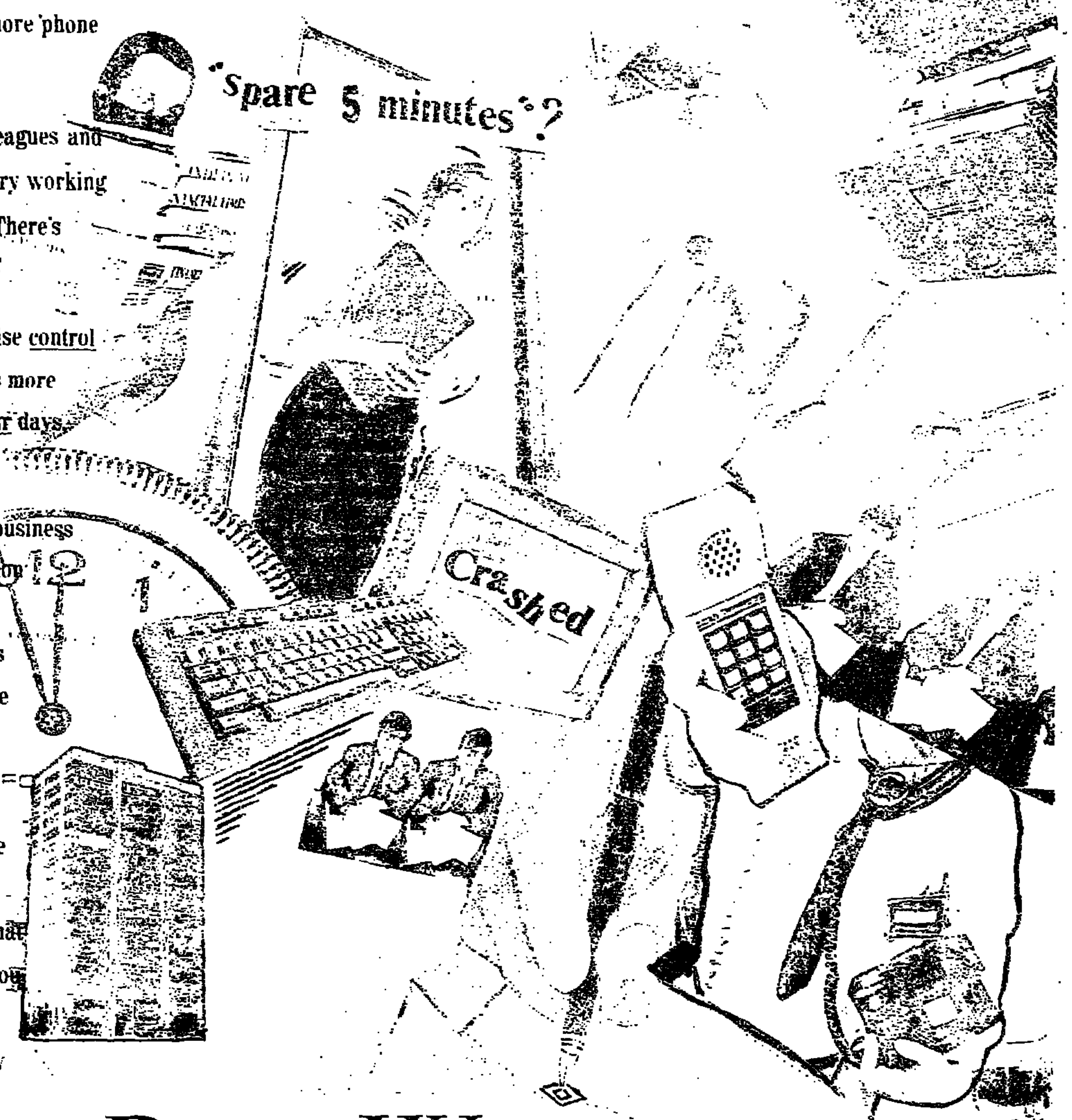

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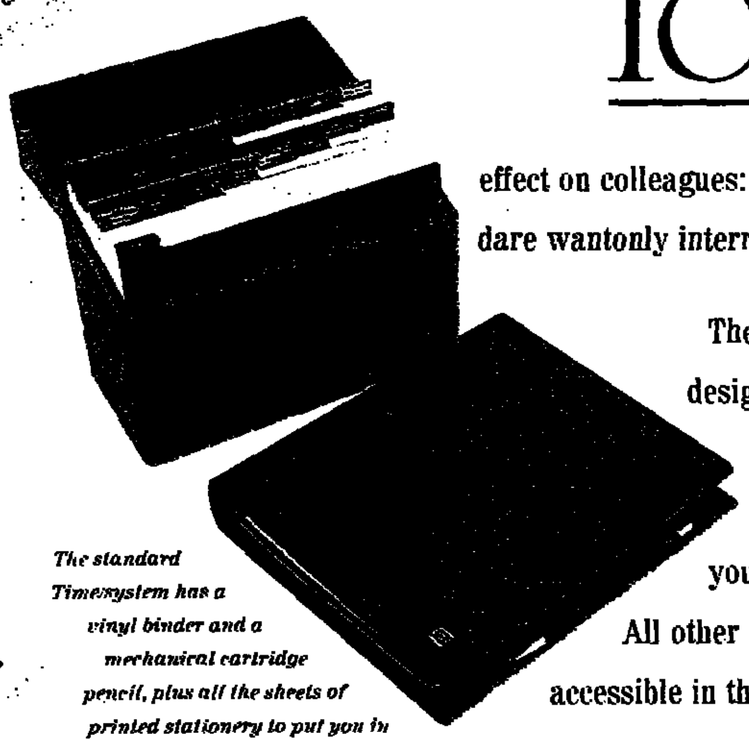

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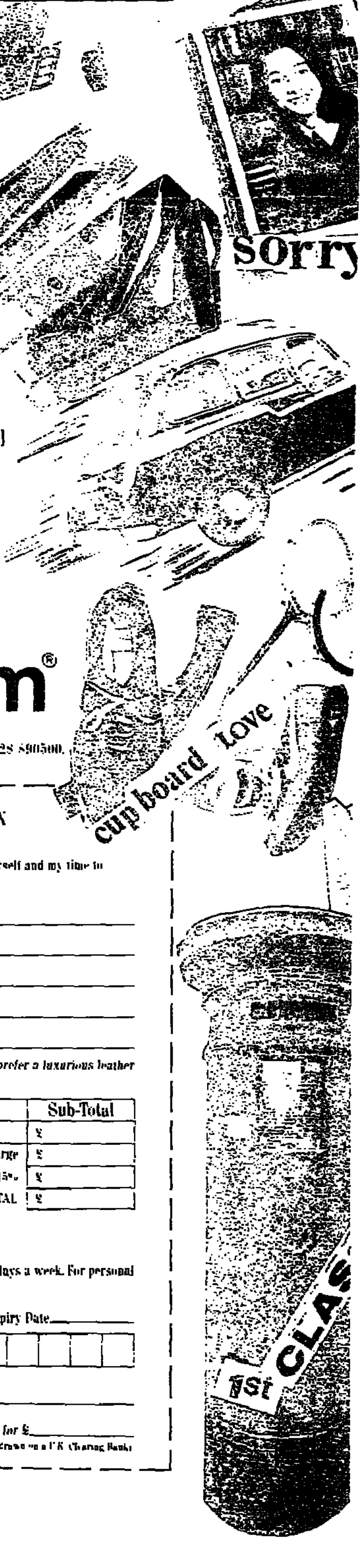

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Steeling away

Just 10 days after the Liberal Assembly which set the merger with the SDP on the road, David Steel is to lose his personal assistant. Graham Watson, 31, who joined the leader four years ago and has performed every task from driving the boss to writing his speeches, is to join the more lucrative confines of the politically acceptable Trustee Savings Bank group next week in London. While greater cynics than me may reckon that he is performing a U-turn to get on the road to City riches, his replacement may cause an even sharper reaction. It is likely to be Alec McGivan, the former SDP national organizer, who resigned to run the "Yes to Unity" campaign. However, he may have to wait until (and if) the parties unite or pay his dues to the Liberals. Having formerly been a Labour man, this would be his third party membership in less than a decade.

Nagging Nigel

The Prime Minister reinforced her reputation for nagging on Monday when she ticked off Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for arriving late for the broadcasting meeting held in Downing Street. It wasn't the first time this year she has had a go at him: he was reprimanded for wearing his hair too long at the start of the general election campaign in May. Yesterday Mrs Thatcher was overheard saying: "Those who come from the nearest place always seem to be late." Lawson of course lives at No 11.

Popular front

Organizers of the Tribune rally at next week's Labour conference in Brighton are compounding Tory embarrassment over Sir Alfred Sherman's invitation to the French National Front leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, to Blackpool. The star attraction at Tribune's fiftieth anniversary bash next Wednesday will be Harlem Desir, a founder of the anti-racist group SOS-Racisme. The charismatic, 27-year-old Desir is not only the darling of France's intellectual left but has also won the hearts of leading Gaullists. If he performs well this year, perhaps he'll be back in Brighton next autumn – with the Conservatives.

● **At least one tax inspector has a sense of humour, albeit a twisted one. A reader reports the arrival of an assessment notice carrying the hand-written postscript: "Income Tax Vobiscum".**

High flier

Registering an unborn son for Eton is daft enough but the record being claimed for the highest-ever school registration (at 33,000ft) strikes me as plain ludicrous.

Five-month old Ben Nichols is down for St Aubyn's after his father found himself seated next to the headmaster on an airline flight. Not content with a gentlemen's agreement to secure a place at this obscure institution, the captain, I am told, was called in as witness.

Over the moon

Ayatollah Khomeini will be 85 on Thursday, or so it seems in the West. His birthday, according to Iranian officials, is September 24 1902. But according to the Islamic lunar calendar — on which the years are 10 days shorter — he will be 87 years, three months and 25 days, so it isn't really his birthday at all. Now work out when he should really celebrate: answers not to this address, please.

● **An article in the latest *Police Review* decrying the increase in meter tampering is illustrated by a meter with a screwdriver stuck in it. I cannot put this information to use, but I feel sure there must be plenty of people with electrical training and criminal intention who could.**

Standing down

While security officers search for a new Soviet mole at GCHQ in Cheltenham, Rhona Prime, whose husband Geoffrey was jailed for 35 years in 1983 for spying for the Russians at the top security establishment, is about to make a rare television appearance, appearing with the wives of three other convicted criminals. But stranger than the reclusive Mrs Prime's decision to give an interview is the title of the BBC1 *Everyman* programme – *Stand By Your Man*. For it was Rhona who shopped her husband for spying after his arrest for sexual offences involving children.

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The UN front of the Gulf war

by Anthony Parsons

The drama of the Gulf war has been heightened by the first Iranian attack on a British registered tanker and by US action against an Iranian minelayer. These incidents and the consequent sharp exchanges in the United Nations will not make the Security Council's task any easier.

When the Security Council adopted the cease-fire resolution 598 the Iraqis predictably accepted it conditionally on Iran doing the same. Desperate as they are for peace, the Iraqis must have hoped that Iran would either follow suit or reject the resolution in a flood of revolutionary rhetoric and that the council would then impose a unilateral arms embargo on Iran. Iraq must also have hoped that its continuing attacks on tankers would provoke Iranian retaliation against an American ship, thus precipitating a US attack on Iranian targets.

However, the Iranians were never likely to behave with so little subtlety. In the tanker war, with the exception of a few incidents probably carried out by over-ardent Revolutionary Guards, they have been careful to choose targets that would not give the US Navy cause to strike heavily against them. In the diplomatic field, they have neither accepted nor rejected the resolution. Their objectives have been to buy time, to gain a respite in the war at sea, and to point the finger at Iraq as the original aggressor and as the party perpetuating the threat to international shipping.

The Iranian response to the UN Secretary General's mission reflected these tactics. As I understand it, the Iranians did not specifically reject any part of the resolution, but insisted on linkage with the identification of the party responsible for the conflict, i.e., Iraq; they also apparently dwelt on the need for the aggressor, once identified, to be punished. They were prepared for an undeclared cease-fire during identification.

Iraq unsurprisingly regarded this approach as tantamount to rejection and reaffirmed willingness to implement all articles of the resolution in the order drafted (beginning with a cease-fire and withdrawal, with the commission to investigate responsibility for the conflict well down at articles six and seven). Thus, although the Secretary General's visit to Iran produced slightly different results than may have been expected, a substantial gap still remains between the two sides.

What will the Security Council do? Will its next step match the theatricality of the occasion, with New York pullulating with heads of government and foreign ministers assembled for the opening weeks of the General Assembly?

It will not be so easy for the council to maintain unanimity on international action as it was on demands directed at the warring parties alone. The Americans want a clear-cut Iranian response which would either bring about a cease-fire or open the way to a unilateral arms embargo (not far from the Iraqi position). But the Soviet Union, to which Iran is geographically and ethnically what Mexico is to the US, may be less enthusiastic about punishing Iran and may opt for more diplomatic exploration. China may have similar views. France, as a major arms supplier to Iraq, should be closer to the American position. But France needs Iran to help to get her hostages in Lebanon released, not forgetting the continuing deadlock over the respective embassies in Paris and Tehran. Britain, by skilfully asserting her prominence in the negotiations (and thus underlining her impartiality) is able to deplore all bad behaviour without showing her hand too clearly.

But it is a mistake to regard the 15 members of the Security Council as comprising the five permanent members plus an obedient baggage train of 10 non-permanent members. At present the latter include West Germany, Japan and Italy, all with major interests in Iran. The advocates of one-sided action may therefore have a difficult time.

The Iraqis, too, have some hard thinking to do. If Iran scales down fighting on land but Iraq continues to attack shipping and economic targets, international opinion will swing against her and Iraq will be at risk of an arms embargo. Since Iraq is more dependent on sophisticated weapons, it would harm it more than Iran. On the other hand, if Iraq maintains a total cease-fire to demonstrate international goodwill, Iran will be able to repair damage to oil terminals and increase oil exports.

In a nutshell, although UN action and foreign naval forces in the Gulf have produced a new situation in the war, there is still a long way to go before we are likely to see light at the end of the tunnel.

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Reagan's excess of charity

Last Friday's US-Soviet joint statement on nuclear arms reduction contained some alarming passages. It spoke of "negotiating further intermediate limitations on nuclear testing, leading to the ultimate objective of the complete cessation of nuclear testing, as part of an effective disarmament process. This process, among other things, will be pursued as the first priority of the goal of the reduction of nuclear weapons and ultimately their elimination."

Elimination? If that is the serious purpose of the US Administration it must have gone mad. I understand President Reagan's longing to be remembered as a great international statesman who achieved a lasting improvement in relations with the USSR, but this is ridiculous. To proclaim such a goal is to forget that the nuclear deterrent has prevented a global war for 40 years and certainly a European one.

It implies that there is no need to worry any more about Soviet intentions or behaviour. It also ignores the high possibility that smaller countries capable of developing nuclear weapons will do so and blackmail the world without fear of nuclear retaliation from the great powers.

A defect of our great American ally is over-enthusiasm. It was Roosevelt's delirious belief in Stalin's pacific intentions which led to the USSR swallowing the Eastern European countries. Churchill was sceptical of Stalin's promise that countries in the Soviet sphere of influence (far larger than appropriate) would all have free elections and governments with which Russia would not interfere, but Roosevelt, riding on a high, naively believed it. The name of Roosevelt is not revered by millions of Russian slaves but spat on. President Reagan should remember that.

Glasnost and Gorbachov look more agreeable than what we have been used to from the Kremlin. Long may both flourish and fructify, though they have not yet made any significant difference. The Russians are still murdering Afghans, still backing Cuba in Marxist Angola, still sending arms to Nicaragua, to African countries and the African National Congress in South Africa, still imprisoning dissidents. There is nothing to suggest that Russian imperialism has diminished over the centuries, but much to suggest that it has acquired new energy with the injection of the quasi-religious Communist ideology, equipping it with Fifth Columns all over the world.

The limited agreement on removing short-range nuclear missiles from Europe is innocuous, possibly mildly beneficial. It puts us back to the days before the Russians deployed their SS20s and we, despite the protests of the cowards and CND supporters in our midst, deployed cruise and Pershing missiles to make the Russians remove them, which they have now agreed to do.

Henceforward, there will, or should be, fewer nuclear weapons in the world, though we should be wary of the ability of the Russians to hide their mobile nuclear weapons against verification and inspection and be warned by their record of dishonouring treaties such as the Helsinki agreement.

Russia could breach part of any agreement made on short-range nuclear missiles in Europe while retaining the capacity to whistle some up if necessary. Nevertheless, the burden on Soviet industry and scientific expertise would be lessened, which must be one of the aims of the Kremlin, incapable so far of producing more than a subsistence standard of living for its population. In defence terms Russia runs no risk because it must know that the West would never start a war against her, with or without nuclear weapons. She always has the option, with her great preponderance of conventional and chemical weapons to threaten us. If the declared dream of President Reagan and Mr Shultz of the elimination of nuclear weapons came true we would be helpless.

Fortunately last Friday's agreement covers only 3 per cent of the nuclear weapons in the Western armoury. There would be no great danger if the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles were reduced by half as well: nuclear weaponed submarines, including Britain's Trident, would continue to be a daunting deterrent. Fortunately too, Reagan, albeit with a reluctant Congress, is determined to push on with the Strategic Defence Initiative, which has a fair chance of reaching a state in which so many long-distance nuclear missiles could be destroyed at launching that a surprise attack would not be worthwhile. This is why the Soviet Union dislikes SDI so much and why it has been busy developing its own parallel system, despite the terrible drain on its technological resources.

Americans have a perpetual desire to love and be loved, which is fine and noble and has led to its altruistic and generous help to ungrateful countries, including European. Occasionally, as in Roosevelt's day, the US is so carried away by her charitable emotions that she trusts Communists to behave as other people, whereas the history of the past 70 years has proved they do not, and that, while accepting concessions, they make none themselves unless they get the better of the bargain.

Before believing in a reformed Russia we should ask ourselves why she still occupies Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, annexed by agreement with Hitler, why she insists on imprisoning more than 120 million Eastern Europeans, and why she gets up to mischief designed to undermine the West wherever she can. Americans might ponder how they would feel if Mexico, with its unpoliceable frontier with the US, became Communist, which is the ultimate purpose of Russian interference in Central America.

Iain Vallance, chairman-elect of British Telecom, sets recent criticism of the company alongside the vast extent of the change it is undergoing

On the right lines

Among the accusations levelled at British Telecom over the past few weeks is that its performance has given the entire policy of privatization a bad name. That charge reveals a misunderstanding of the general nature of privatization, and its particular implications for British Telecom.

At the centre of this lies a confusion between the effects of privatization (the transfer of ownership from the state sector to the private sector) and those of liberalization (the translation of a monopoly market into a competitive one).

Privatization has been largely benign: escape from Whitehall control over investment and greater accountability being the most obvious. The current criticisms of British Telecom derive mainly from the more painful side-effects of liberalization, and from a legacy of underinvestment in the public sector.

The underinvestment in modern equipment in our network and the substantial delays in the delivery of digital exchanges have been well documented. Less so the consequences of dismantling a monopoly that had been in existence since 1912.

Over time, an organization that has enjoyed a monopoly over a vital sector of the economy becomes something of a state within a state. It develops its own mores, an introspective culture and distorted relationships with the world at large. The state-owned British Telecom was no exception.

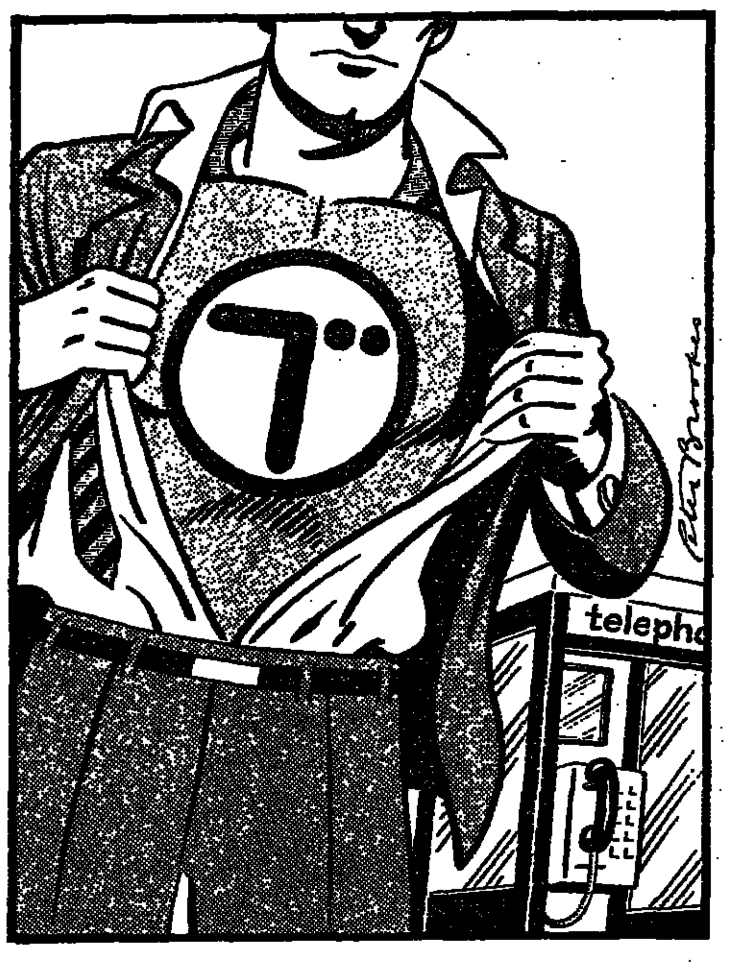
First, there was the relationship with its equipment suppliers. That relationship between a sole purchaser, obliged by successive governments to buy British, and domestic manufacturers who believed their customer had a bottomless purse, was unlikely to be healthy.

What could be tolerated, with the monopoly to fall back on, was clearly going to be intolerable in the face of liberalization of telecommunications network services. British Telecom had to have access to world-class products at competitive prices to become competitive itself. Much has been achieved by our domestic suppliers, since they faced up to international competition, but the restructuring of their activities has been painful and will take time to complete.

There has been similar pain within British Telecom. The relationship between management and unions under the monopoly regime was hardly healthy either. The strength of the monopoly could be used as leverage by house unions which had an industrial muscle that was believed to be unchallengeable.

The result was high pay (and there is nothing wrong with that, as we have a first class workforce) but poor productivity and inefficient working practices enshrined in outdated national agreements. The advent of modern technology and the prospect of competitive pressures made greater flexibility and improved working practices imperative. The unfortunate national strike at the beginning of the year was more concerned with these issues than with pay itself; and its aftermath is still with us.

Relationships with customers were also distorted under the monopoly. The tariff structure, for example, was essentially redistributive. Local calls and line rentals were unprofitable, while long distance and international calls gave high returns. The process of rebalancing these charges was essential in advance of network competition, if we were not to be left entirely vulnerable to "cream skimming". This too has caused pain, to the customers who make least use of their telephones. It left British Telecom with the appearance of abusing its monopoly; when in reality it was reacting unavoidably to the loss of that monopoly.



Perhaps even more important than tariff structures is the changing attitude of the organization towards its customers. The monopolist has to be paternalistic, whether he likes it or not. He determines the range of goods and services to be provided, their quality and price. Our experience over the past few years has shown that responsiveness to customers in an organization with that heritage is best achieved where there is competition. There is nothing subtle about it; we are at our best where there is something to lose.

By contrast with the effects of privatization, the initial consequences of liberalization for British Telecom have proved difficult for many of our suppliers, staff and customers. There was no panacea that could make everything come right at once; and the idea that everything would have been different had there been a more liberal regime from the outset is quite unfounded.

The extent of the cultural change required in the organization, the extent of the investment programme, the time needed for a credible network competitor to get under way, the inevitable pain associated with the changes in established relationships; all made it improbable that expectations of immediate transformation, raised by an outstandingly successful flotation, could be met at once.

Telecommunications businesses throughout the world are highly complex, with very long lead times for capital investment and with major risks when changing from one technology to another. The best of British Telecom ranks with the best in the world. Its international services, its modern, digital long-distance UK network, installed over the last few years, its City business system and so forth are second to none. We have the technology; we have the financial strength; we have the people; and we have the management determination to achieve our aim of bringing our worst up to the standard of our best.

It is no reflection on the policy of privatization that we have not succeeded in full so far. It is simply a measure of the size and nature of the task. Nor indeed should the growing pains associated with the initial liberalization of the telecommunications market be allowed to undermine the case for competition.

Both policies will be needed to help transform the culture of British Telecom into one of enterprise and responsiveness to customer needs; and both are required if we are to lay down the telecommunications infrastructure this country will need to take it confidently into the information society of the 21st century.

John Cooney on the London-Dublin differences that have been exposed

Cooler weather approaching in the Irish Sea

A deep division has emerged between the British and Irish governments over the next stage in the implementation of the two-year-old Anglo-Irish agreement.

The extent of the differences between London and Dublin have been revealed by Garret FitzGerald, the former Irish Prime Minister. He has said that before the agreement was signed in November 1985, there was an understanding on the part of Mrs Thatcher, amounting to a contractual obligation, that Ulster Defence Regiment patrols would be accompanied by Royal Ulster Constabulary officers, that a code of conduct would be introduced for the RUC in the course of 1986 and that Northern Ireland's court system would be reformed.

Dr FitzGerald asserts that progress on these matters was specifically linked to the republic's implementation of the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, which the Irish government signed in February 1986, and which would formalize procedures for the speedy extradition of wanted IRA suspects from the republic to Britain and Northern Ireland.

Before losing office Dr FitzGerald's government pushed the anti-terrorism pact through the Irish parliament, but delayed its application until next December 1 in the expectation that Britain would meanwhile fulfill its side of the deal.

Ulster Unionist leaders are enraged by FitzGerald's remarks, made at the British Irish Association conference in Cambridge last weekend, and reported in the Belfast *Newsletter*. The Unionists are furious that FitzGerald's admission of a link between extradition and judicial reform in the province confirms their suspicions that the agreement contained British commitments to the republic other than those admitted by ministers. They regard as hollow Mrs Thatcher's prediction that the agreement was designed primarily to improve cross-border security with the republic.

Bob McCartney, a leading advocate of Northern Ireland's full integration with the mainland, has warned that if Britain makes concessions to the republic in the judicial sphere the province would take the first steps on the road to a unilateral declaration of independence. In particular, McCartney, a noted QC, warns against the introduction of mixed courts involving judges from both Ulster and the republic.

Dr FitzGerald's quasi-public criticism of the unfulfilled responsibilities of the British government will also make it more difficult for his successor, Charles Haughey, to introduce the Extradition Act on December 1. Unless Haughey or members of the opposition parties table and pass a motion in the Dail postponing the act's introduction, it will take legal affect automatically at the start of December.

There are signs, however, that the opposition parties have strong reservations about implementing the act unless Britain makes concessions within the next two months on the judicial and security fronts. Although Haughey's control of his party is masterly, he leads a minority government. His party, Fianna Fail, has strong republican sentiments within its ranks. It would be a reversal of policy for Haughey if he goes ahead with the extradition arrangements, as he demanded substantial changes to them while in opposition last December.

However, Haughey in office has assured Britain of his willingness to implement the agreement fully. His foreign minister, Brian Lenihan, has called for the introduction of the RUC code of conduct and has renewed pressure for the introduction of three judges in the non-jury, single judge Diplock courts.

During speeches in Chicago over the weekend, Lenihan maintained that there was no link between the Irish government demands for legal reform in Northern Ireland and the issue of the republic's enforcement of the Extradition Act. In Cambridge Dr FitzGerald appears to have blown Lenihan's cover.

The strength of Dublin opinion, as expressed by Dr FitzGerald, has taken British ministers by surprise. Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is convinced that the agreement has been working and that there is a new climate of co-operation between the two governments.

Fitzgerald's contention has been rebutted by Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Stormont minister dealing with political affairs. He has reminded the Irish government that the agreement does not amount to "joint authority" rule of Northern Ireland, and that while Dublin may advise, London continues to govern the province.

However, Dr FitzGerald's Cambridge contribution has ensured that the next two months will provide the agreement with its most rocky period to date. British ministers are adamant that there will be no concessions to Dublin's own mixed courts and that there is no question of three judges in Diplock Courts. Both sides next month will examine a compromise proposal for the admission of two lay assessors to the Diplock courts. Neither government is enthusiastic about this option. It is also opposed for different reasons by the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

A confidential report on the test confronting the agreement will await King on his return from his visit to the United States. It will be King's – and the agreement's – biggest challenge so far.

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however . . . Basil Boothroyd

Take up your bed and fly

When you consider the complications of running an airline it's marvellous that special thought can be spared for passengers in less than full health. I have often been struck by this, as I toil down to Gate 91 bowed under hand luggage and duty free, while the electric buggies, loaded with privileged invalids and hangers-on, go peep-peep-peeping past.

Like people on my doctor's waiting room benches these buggy-riders usually look in surprisingly good nick: though there's no saying, naturally, how bravely they are concealing bad legs or crippling dyspepsia.

No letters of sympathy, please, but I happen to have a bad leg myself just now. And this week, according to arrangements now in train, I am faced with getting it from Gatwick to Málaga, departing from at least Gate 91, or I shall be very much surprised.

I have therefore applied to be a buggy-rider, and the British Airways Medical Service appears keen to indulge me. Quite rightly, it doesn't want me scrounging a free ride without proper grounds. The form it has kindly supplied, for completion by my doctor, should certainly rule this out.

It has two pages, 30 questions, and embodies – hang on a minute while I check – 57 boxes, to tick or not to tick as the case may be.

Doctors, like airlines, have plenty on their plates. I don't feel, frankly, like slapping this document in front of mine, all among his stethoscopes, prescription pads, sphygmomanometers and specimen bottles, with a request to complete it in block capitals and get it off to the BA Medical Service in the s.a.e. provided.

So I've been doing all this. I can't save him the entire chore. "Diagnosis in detail, including vital signs", clearly needs the professional touch, and when he puts it in, if he has a moment, I hope they can read it. According to the X-ray chit he gave me, which I can't get an appointment for owing to terrific pressures on the NHS, I'm suffering from what looks like Gruliomatic Dongledy, and he's asking for a picture of my strutlings and flid.

I must say, I was tempted to take that off his hands and just put Bad Leg, but you don't want the form coming back from British Airways with queries, not when you're flying on Wednesday. Besides, I had my hands full anyway with the other questions, and the boxes. These last, it's fair to say, mostly just need tickings in the Yeses and Nos.

They are mostly Nos, with me. Going through them, I get the feeling that I'm making a fuss about nothing, compared with some of the buggy-ride applicants. No, I do not have my own wheelchair, whether or not collapsible, please specify. No, I do not require oxygen on the journey, which at least lets me off stipulating how many litres per minute and whether or not needed in continuous flow. No, I do not need other than self-administered medication (stiff Scotch after take-off), or the use of respirator or incubator. No, my bad leg is not a contagious or communicable disease. Well, I've ticked the No box. Look on the bright side.

Venturesomely, I have even filled in the little "prognosis" section. I hope this doesn't offend my doctor. "Condition likely to improve." I think he would have said the same.

What really gave me pause, though, halfway down the boxes on page two, was question No MEDA06: "Is patient in any way offensive to other passengers (smell, appearance, conduct)?"

It's a tough one. I'm not even sure that my doctor should have to commit himself. We've been together now for 30 years; and under the first item in the bracket he's never said anything. Still, people don't. Appearance? Hard to say. I've always looked all right to me. As for conduct, I fancy I behave as well on planes as most – and better than those who stand yakking in the aisles with their bums stuck out so that the trolley can't get through with my stiff Scotch.

I'm ticking the No box. I am not offensive to other passengers. Mind you, there could always be a first time. It depends what sort of a mob I get.

Should you be among them, trailing down to Gate 91 as I go peep-peep-peeping past, just remember that even if my Gruliomatic Dongledy has improved by then, I've earned the ride just filling up the blasted form.

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EXPLOSIVE ANNIVERSARY

The Gulf War marked its seventh anniversary this week by taking a turn for the worse. If further evidence were required of the need for it to stop, the past 48 hours have supplied it in abundance. But the question of how that should happen looks harder than ever to answer.

Iran's unprovoked attack on a Hong Kong-registered tanker, with resultant damage and loss of life, was the latest in a sequence of belligerent acts which deserve the strongest possible condemnation. As a result of it, the Government must decide whether its modest Armilla patrol should now provide more extensive protection for British vessels in the Gulf.

The answer depends partly on Royal Navy resources. But since warships probably derive more benefit from active duty in the Gulf than from playing war games in the Channel or North Atlantic, this should not be the overriding consideration in Whitehall.

A more serious issue is how far the Government should risk becoming involved in a worsening crisis in the region. The risk has become more real as a result of this week's second, and more worrying, confrontation in which an American helicopter strafed an Iranian vessel which was laying mines.

What is the position in international law? The Iranians were undoubtedly acting illegally in sowing mines in international waters. Whether the Americans had the right to attack the vessel which had laid them depends on the immediacy of the threat to international shipping. In the Corfu Straits incident of 1947, when two Royal Navy ships were sunk by Albanian mines, the International Court of Justice actually found Britain to have been in the wrong by later removing the mines. But there can surely be little doubt that the present threat in the Gulf is immediate.

On another matter connected with the strictly legal aspects of this week's incident, it would seem that by keeping prisoner those taken from the Iranian vessel the Americans would put themselves into a position of armed conflict against Iran, according to the Second (Maritime) Geneva Convention of 1949. However confident President Reagan may be that his navy had acted within the bounds of international law, the Iranian sailors should be quickly returned – perhaps through the International Committee of the Red Cross. This would weaken any excuse for retaliatory hostage-taking by the Iranians or any use of existing Western hostages as bargaining counters for these sailors.

In political, moral, and perhaps legal terms, the US Navy's action is well justified. The threat which both warring countries have posed to neutral shipping in the Gulf is intolerable and needs to be removed.

There is a serious risk of Iranian retaliation against Washington. The need for coordination between countries with an interest in the region has never been stronger. This has been the most serious clash between Iran and any big power since navies increased their activities in the Gulf. One must hope that it will serve as a salutary shock to everyone's system. It reinforces the need for an arms embargo on both countries and should strengthen the resolve of those who are struggling to bring this ugly conflict to an end.

NOT ALL CLEAR ON EDUCATION

If the public is bewildered about the Government's education policy it has every right to be. Starkly conflicting signals are coming on the one hand from the Prime Minister and other Cabinet ministers closely associated with her thinking, and on the other from the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker.

In particular, each side seems to interpret very differently the right to be given to parents to take their school out of local authority control and to have it independently run by trustees, with direct government funding. Mr Baker has said several times that the number of schools opting out will be comparatively small. He has given the clear impression that he sees the facility largely as an escape route for the minority of parents in localities where the schools suffer from eccentric left-wing authorities.

But it has been plain since the summer that the Prime Minister envisages a much more radical change. The explanation offered by some is that Mr Baker does not believe in the policy as strongly as Mrs Thatcher does and that his department, which leans to the educational left, believes in it even less. Certainly she is more enthusiastic than Mr Baker about the thinking of the radical-right study groups on education, one of which, the Hillgate group, has this week argued that new or existing independent schools should be allowed to opt *into* the state system and, while charging fees, also receive government grants.

Confusion has bedevilled public understanding of what is in the Government's mind since the general election, when the Prime Minister gave the impression that the new directly-funded schools could opt for selection and might be able to charge fees. It had to be hastily announced that these schools would not charge fees and that, although they would be free to choose their own pupils, they were expected to maintain their existing grammar, secondary-modern, or comprehensive characteristics, with no return to the 11-plus.

Yet there is still deep uncertainty about the scope of the intended change. Mr Baker's suggestion that only a few schools will opt out has been contradicted by the Prime Minister's now publicly-stated opinion that "most schools" would do so and that the change was meant to be "as big a revolution" as the transfer of a million houses from the public sector into owner-occupation.

That raises the questions, on what assumptions are her calculations based, and how is she going to bring this about? Is it a revolutionary step for diminishing the power of local education authorities or is it assumed that most parents are satisfied enough with their local authorities to stay with them?

The public should also be told what part the Government intends parent power to play in education and what precisely it means by parent power. It should not mean that parents are necessarily the right people to manage schools. This is not what is done in the independent sector, where parents choose a school offering the total approach to education which they think right and with independent governors guarding its development in the light of a respected philosophy.

If parent-governors were the decisive force, that role could often fall into the hands of precisely the kind of political activists from whom the Government wishes to rescue these schools. But most parents, making use of the experience of other parents and of their own local knowledge, are capable of choosing a school shrewdly by its products. This is the kind of parent power the scheme should foster, with proper provision made for those children, however few or many, who remain under local education authorities.

The Government should now make up its mind how radical it intends its policy to be, preferably before the Conservative Party conference in less than two weeks' time, when it has the opportunity to spice the usual rhetoric with a few facts. Mrs Thatcher's instincts about parent power are, as so often, the right ones. But, not for the first time, she has adopted a good idea without first working through the implications and has handed it on to someone who interprets it rather differently.

On leaving for his tour of the United States, Mr Baker said that there was no "dissent" between himself and the Prime Minister. If there is not, there is certainly lack of clear-mindedness. Mrs Thatcher is pointing in the right direction. Her problem is to convince the country that she knows how to get the wheels on to the track.

CHARISMA IN THE UNITED STATES

Pope John Paul II's visit to North America, now completed, swept by with all the ballyhoo of a tour by one of those fleeting "superstars". The great set-piece occasions suited the personality of this dramatic man perfectly. Whether cuddling a baby infected with Aids or kissing an armless musician afflicted by thalidomide, he knew just how to use every opportunity for a touching demonstration of public compassion on every television screen in the country.

But he cannot be dismissed merely as one who feasts on public adoration for his own glory: he also used many opportunities to preach a severe message of moral restraint, knowing his words would sound hard to many of his hearers, even including the national leadership of the Church itself. His refusal to soften the content of his moral message seemed to enhance the authenticity of his caring gestures.

Whether such reinforcement happened in reverse is more doubtful. The Pope always takes with him on his travels both a moral and a political message. The personal morality he preaches is traditional and conservative. The social policy could be interpreted as "liberal", even, by American standards, left-of-centre – although some would argue that it is simply his church's traditional paternalism. Had he only been seeking popularity for himself and for his church the opposite combination would probably have been more effective. But it should be said that a bland Pope, always willing to trim to suit his audience, would hardly possess this man's charisma. (For once that word can be used in its original sense: a divinely-inspired personal quality or power which makes someone capable of influencing or inspiring large numbers of people.)

The visit was a calculated balance of the popular and the unpopular and it is not clear, even at the end of it, whether the Pope set back or – which was presumably his principal concern – advanced the cause of Roman Catholicism in America. Catholic bishops, who have to wrestle not just for ten days but permanently with the mismatches between Catholic conservative and American liberal idealism, may find their task made even more difficult.

The United States was its excited and even cantankerous self in the greeting it gave its visitor, presenting him wherever he went with a festival of the popular culture at its best and sometimes most vulgar, which can amount to the same thing. It has frequently been suggested that the present Pope, whose own Polish background is so far removed from much of the American style, is not as enamoured as many Americans would like him to be of what they take as the underlying philosophy of their society.

Americans were also celebrating the 200th anniversary of their Constitution while he was among them. It is worth remembering that this noble document was hardly handed down from Mount Sinai, but written by men of British stock out of their own particular experience of political conflict and under the influence of the ideas of the Enlightenment and the ideology of broad church Protestantism.

Those historical threads are far removed from his own. One of the gains for which the bulk of American Catholics were hoping from his visit was a more sympathetic understanding of their political vision. And though he duly praised America as a home and defender of freedom and democracy, he always added his inevitable warning that freedom could be abused. To some, the truth of the message might have been more acceptable had his admiration for the more material American ways been more obvious. But such a message should be acceptable to conservatives as well as liberals when it comes from a spiritual leader, which was what this visit once more proved the Pope to be.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anomaly in child benefit cuts aim

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, Your report (September 21) that the Government is considering cutting the value of child benefit raises some major questions about the Government's overall strategy.

For the past eight years the Prime Minister has insisted that public expenditure cuts were necessary in order to restore the economy and that only an invigorated economic base could finance an expanding welfare programme. Yet in the same week that the Government reports good news on unemployment and, perhaps more importantly, on the recovery of manufacturing output (back to its 1979 level, although employing two million fewer people) it is once again talking about the need to make further reductions in public expenditure.

To cut child benefit compromises three crucial Government initiatives. The Prime Minister has rightly made much about increasing incentives to work. Because child benefits are paid to all families, but only deducted from the social-security payments of those who are unable to work, the larger the child benefit payment the bigger is the gap between an income gained by those able to find work and that which is received from unemployment pay.

To cut the value of child benefit will be to reverse what the Government claims to be the advances made over the past eight years.

Child benefit is also the most effective way of combating child poverty. If we leave to one side how poverty is defined, there is general agreement across the political spectrum that, over recent years, there has been a significant increase in the numbers on low incomes. Child benefit directly relates a family's income to the size of its responsibilities.

Moreover, if the Government begins to tax child benefit it will find itself in the absurd situation of paying family income supplement to low wage earners with children with the one hand, while taking much of this payment in tax on child benefit payments with the other.

To reduce the value of child benefit also strikes at the stance the Prime Minister has made over the Conservative Party being the party of the family. The Prime Minister is right in drawing attention to the many stresses under which families currently operate, and yet she appears unaware of the importance of families having an adequate income if they are to do the sort of job with their children she believes families can and should.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons.
September 21.

'Forgotten' command

From Dr William Rodney

Sir, Your Architectural Correspondent recently drew attention (report, August 18) to a proposal to erect a 500ft monument in the Surrey Docks on a line between St Paul's Cathedral and Greenwich Palace to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

Without detracting in any way from the achievement of the Few who fought so gallantly to defend Britain and freedom in 1940, or the merits of the proposed structure, surely it is time to right an imbalance that has persisted for too long and consider remembering suitably the men of Bomber Command, who also engaged the enemy during those parlous days and who, at such appalling cost, subsequently carried the fight into Germany's heartland.

In addition to numerous assorted inscriptions, each year the Few are publicly remembered from the pulpits on Battle of Britain Sunday and by fly-pasts that stir the hearts of all as they hear the sigh of a Merlin, or glimpse the unmistakable lines of a Hurricane or Spitfire.

A memorial to Bomber Command would do much to offset its virtual dismissal at the end of World War II by the very political leaders who supported the command during the conflict and who applauded the crews who flew nightly into enemy skies when victory seemed but a distant dream.

Time, Sir, is short, for the ranks of those who, by many, have been accorded the right of the line are thinning, as your obituary columns so recently, so consistently, and so eloquently confirm.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM RODNEY, Dean,
Faculty of Arts,
Royal Roads Military College,
FMO Victoria, B.C., Canada.
September 10.

Ethnic education

From Ms Lorna Boreland

Sir, John Rae's support for the national curriculum ("Risk the stings, Mr Baker", September 11) and what it should contain is relatively uncontentious until he decided to introduce what he described as his "third nettle; the education of ethnic minorities".

Dr Rae falls into the trap of using a typically flawed argument popularised by reactionary educationists that the teaching of languages of the minority ethnic communities is divisive. Given that it is crucial that community languages such as Bengali are taught as part of any rational languages education programme, it surely cannot be any more divisive than the teaching of French, German, Latin or Greek. Indeed, it is arguably more essential to those communities, given the race composition of many inner-city areas.

It is therefore essential that Mr Baker's national curriculum acknowledges the value of community and heritage languages as part of any languages education content in which, of course, competence in English would remain a high priority.

Yours faithfully,
L. BORELAND (Labour & Co-op.
Member of the ILEA for
Norwood, Lambeth),
Inner London Education
Authority,
The County Hall, SE1.
September 14.

South of the river

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London

Sir, In his opinion piece, "This deprived south . . ." (September 18), John Grigg was less than charitable to the University of London's contribution to higher education south of the Thames.

There are in fact two fully-fledged schools of the university south of the river: St George's Hospital Medical School, in Tooting, and the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals. There should shortly be a third, since the university's Senate agreed in principle at its July meeting to admit Goldsmiths' College, in New Cross, as a full school of the university.

There are other developments afoot: in a bold and imaginative move to create a Thames-side campus, King's College is taking over Cornwall House on the South Bank opposite Somerset House, and, together with the existing King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, in Denmark Hill, King's (among our major institutions) will have the best representation south of the river.

Yours faithfully,
FLOWERS, Vice-Chancellor,
University of London,
Senate House,
Malet Street, WC1.
September 21.

Roots of royalty

From Lady Antonia Fraser

Sir, Mr Ian Barr (September 17) hopes that there will be "a royal presence" in Westminster Abbey at the service to commemorate the quatercentenary of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots. This might do something to correct the rather wild view that her Majesty the Queen is actually descended from Queen Elizabeth I, instead of the Scottish Queen.

Paying a visit to Westminster Abbey around the time of the actual quatercentenary of the execution (February 8), I found myself drawn into an argument on this subject with some eager tourists. When I pointed out that Elizabeth I was, after all, known as the Virgin Queen, I was reminded that courtiers in those days were great flatterers . . .

Queen Victoria at least would have approved of such presence. Not only was she extremely proud of her Stuart descent, but she also disapproved of Queen Elizabeth I on the grounds that "she cut off the head of my ancestress, Mary Queen of Scots".

Yours faithfully,
ANTONIA FRASER,
52 Campden Hill Square, W8.
September 17.

Second-hand letters

From Mr P. Neil Garrard

Sir, Yet again you print another letter (September 8) complaining of letters signed p.p.

With the advent of personal computers, facsimile transmission and electronic data transmission, it is not only increasingly probable that a writer will not be close to the point at which a document is finally produced, but it is also easy for him to proof-read and correct almost anywhere in the world. Moreover, to achieve rapid delivery in the face of postal delays it is more and more likely that the final document will be sent electronically to its destination. Consequently, the holograph signature is rapidly becoming an anachronism.

I suspect that many of your correspondents must be related to Luddite ancestors who wrote similar letters to *The Times* when typewriters, telephones and possibly fountain pens were first introduced to the business world.

Would it not be more productive if, rather than bemoaning the inevitable, they addressed the issue of the relevance of the holograph signature and how, where it has real significance, it can be replaced as the business world adapts to modern technology.

Yours faithfully,
DELIA BURTON,
p.p. P. NEIL GARRARD,
15 Drayton Gardens, SW10.

From the Headmistress of Lady Margaret School, Parson's Green

Sir, What I dictated was "the school held its usual peripatetic teachers' concert". What I got back was "the school held its usual fairly pathetic teachers' concert".

Yours faithfully,
JOAN S. R. OLIVER,
Lady Margaret School,
Parson's Green, SW6.

A backward look on water music

From the Editor of
Music & Automata

Sir, Dr Eric Chamberlain (September 4) recalls an age when church organs were blown by water motors and asks if there are any water-powered organs still to be found.

Water, as many of your correspondents have since pointed out, has been used as a means of blowing the bellows of church organs since the beginning of the 19th century. Although London's biggest recital organ of the time – Flight & Robson's Apollonicon, built around 1819 and exhibited at their premises at 101 St Martin's Lane until 1832 – was originally powered by water, the feeble and irregular supply available at that time resulted in the scrapping of the water motor and its replacement, initially by muscle-power and blowing handles.

The tedium and hard work of organ-blowing using bellows handles was relieved by the gradual improvement in mains water supply. During the final quarter of the last century several manufacturers specialised in the manufacture of water motors which, when connected to the mains, would physically pump the wind feeders with a piston-powered push. These were widely used in country churches at one time.

Subsequent improvements in the supply and availability of electricity, plus the convenience of its use, led to the gradual replacement of water motors during the years between the wars.

A superbly-preserved example survives in Launceston, Tasmania. Australia's oldest remaining concert organ to preserve the original mechanical, tracker action stands today in the Albert Hall in Tamar Street. Built in London by Charles Brindley in 1860, this magnificent organ was fully restored several years ago. A plea to modernise the instrument by the fitting of an electric blower was grudgingly agreed to, on the understanding that the installation in no way interfered with the original hydraulic engine.

The wisdom of this was demonstrated in a totally unexpected way: the restored Albert Hall and its organ was reopened to the people of Launceston in a blaze of publicity and extensive electric illumination. Unfortunately, the excess of the latter proved too much for the local supply and just before the grand opening of the organ all but the emergency lights went out with a bang. Nevertheless, the ceremony went ahead as planned with the water motor quietly pumping away behind the scenes.

Water-powered organs of a different type are of far earlier origin. Athanasius Kircher describes such instruments in his *Musurgia Universalis*, published in Rome in 1650. Here, though, the instrument was blown using the force of water contained in a vertical pipe to draw down with it a volume of air. Working on the same principle as the gurgling bath plughole, which draws air into its vortex as the water flows out, the air and water mixture flows into a *camera aeolia*. This is a chamber within which the two may be separated, the air flowing into the organ's windchest.

While this principle could be used for a conventional pipe organ, it was eminently suited to the automatically-played mechanical organs of the Italian water-gardens. Such instruments existed from the fifteenth century onwards.

Although no hydraulic organ of this type is working at present (the water organ at Hellbrunn, near Salzburg, being blown by a water-wheel-drive bellows), I am involved in the project to re-create the self-playing instrument built by Luca Blasi at the Quirinal Palace in Rome in the year 1596. I have also surveyed the scant archaeological traces of the 1550 instrument at the Villa d'Este, Tivoli, and there are plans to re-create this in the fullness of time.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR W. J. G. ORD-HUME,
Editor, *Music & Automata.*
As from: Chalvington Press,
10 Leapale Road,
Guildford, Surrey.
September 21.

Sale of a VC

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, I have no doubt that many of your readers were as shocked as I was to read today (report, September 18) that Mr Thomas Gould was selling his Victoria Cross. It is humiliating to us as British citizens that a holder of this unique and splendid decoration should be allowed to be in a position in which he has to sell it. Our country owes so much to him, and his colleagues.

It would surely seem right that a substantial indexed and tax-free pension should be attached to the Victoria Cross, and paid to its holders for life.

It is my recollection that war pensions are paid by royal prerogative under the royal warrant. So no legislation would be required. All that is needed is ministerial decision and action.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
House of Lords.
September 18.

Terminology

From Mr Philip Hebbert

Sir, Mr Fetherston-Dilke (September 16), bewildered by the various names given to the current academic term, may care to consider the following thoughts.

An undergraduate may live in a court or a quad; he (or she) may be tutored or supervised after toiling at the Tripos or at Schools; there is the relaxation of a May Ball or a Commem to look forward to. The head of house may be a Master, Mistress, Principal, Warden, President, Rector, or Dean. Oxford believes there is a Law of Torts, whereas Cambridge knows there is a Law of Tort.

But there is no doubt this is the Michaelmas Term.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
PHILIP HEBBERT,
2 Manley Road,
Ben Rhydding,
Ilkley, West Yorkshire.
September 16.

Borderline case

From Mrs Lynne Dodd

Sir, British publishers should not expect too much, too soon of *glasnost*. In the relatively open Khrushchev era a friend and I were crossing from the Ukraine to Romania and the Russian officials searched our luggage assiduously.

"*Shto eto?*" they cried at last, triumphantly pouncing on a few slim paperbacks; these they bore away, not to be seen for several hours.

Eventually we were allowed to proceed on our journey, the works of Lenin (Intourist courtesy copies) restored to us!

Yours faithfully,
LYNNE DODD,
Neville Lodge, 20 Neville Road,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 23 1870

As the Prussians tightened their grip on the French capital in the late summer of 1870 The Times *continued to give the widest coverage to both military and civil developments*

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THE BLOCKADE OF PARIS.

The Germans are making themselves at home around Paris, precisely as they have done around Metz. The CROWN PRINCE of Prussia had his Head-Quarters at Versailles on Tuesday, and his army invested the city from that Royal Palace on the west all round to the south and east as far as Vincennes. King WILLIAM, his father, had established himself at Baron ROTHSCHILD'S princely seat at Ferrières, near Lagny, about twelve miles east of the capital, where preliminaries of peace are still discussed between M. JULES FAVRE and Count BISMARK. . . . the King has already announced that, the French having withdrawn from their position near Pierrefitte, north of St. Denis, he has now completely surrounded Paris and has himself reconnoitred the fortifications on the northern side. . . .

The Government of National Defence was fully aware of the importance of preventing the blockade of the capital so long as it was practicable, and, as some of their regular forces under General VINOY had been re-organized and re-equipped, and their ranks strengthened by volunteers from the Mobile Guard and the Corps of Free Shooters, they were sent into the field, and instructed to take up positions between the *enceinte* and the Detached Forts, whence they could engage the enemy whenever a chance offered itself, and in the event of a reverse, could shelter themselves under the guns of the Forts. Upon this understanding General VINOY, at the head of 25,000 men, sallied forth from the southern side of the city, and occupied the woods of Meudon and Clamart, the plain of Chatillon, and all the ground adjoining the Forts of Issy and Vanvres, as far south as Sceaux. The Germans, large bodies of whom came up along the Seine, and threw a bridge over that river between Villeneuve St. Georges and Villeneuve-le-Roi, crossed over both at this spot, and further below, at Choisy-le-Roi; and by Ablon and Athis they marched westward to Champlan and Wissous, south of Sceaux. In these localities, and more especially at Wissous, one or more engagements occurred. According to French accounts, General VINOY obtained a signal success, and drove back the Prussians from Wissous to the south, at Montlhery and Arpajon. The Prussians had been mowed down by the French artillery, which caused them great loss. On the other hand, the Germans claim the victory, asserting that they met the enemy near Sceaux and Villejuif, and threw them back upon their Forts, capturing seven guns and from 2,000 to 3,000 prisoners. It seems, however, that we have here to deal with two successive actions. The French are said to have been at first 25,000 against 15,000 of their adversaries. It may be true they had the better in the first engagement, and that they compelled the Prussians to fall back and re-cross the river; but here another German Corps came up, when the tables were turned, and the French, overpowered, withdrew behind the Forts, leaving the trophies we have mentioned in the enemy's hands. The Germans admit that they had at this stage of the engagement two Army Corps against three French Divisions. .

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 22: The Duchess of York arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this evening from the United States of America.

The Princess Royal left Heathrow Airport, London this evening to visit Brazil.

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival at the Airport by Senhor Synesio Sampaio-Goes Filho (Minister-Counsellor, Economic and Administrative Affairs: representing His Excellency the Brazilian Ambassador), Sir Edwin Arrowsmith (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Captain J. W. Jessop (Member, British Airways Board of Directors).

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 22: The Prince of Wales, President, Scottish Business in the Community, this afternoon visited the Cumnock and Doon Enterprise Centre, Block 3, Caponacre Industrial Estate, Cumnock, Ayrshire.

Afterwards, His Royal Highness visited the Ayr Locality Enterprise Resource Trust, 88 Green Street, Ayr.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Rupert Fairfax and Mr Philip Mackie, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited Lingfield Hospital School, Lingfield, Surrey.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 22: Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, this evening received Major General D. E. Miller, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel A. F. Davidson upon relinquishing Command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Westlake upon assuming this appointment, Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Thorn upon relinquishing Command of the 4th Battalion, Territorial Army, and Lieutenant-Colonel M. G. Diss upon assuming this appointment.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Les Diver, formerly of the *Daily Express*, will take place at St Bride's Fleet, Street, on Wednesday, October 7, at noon.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Judge Michael Underhill, QC, will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Tuesday, October 20, 1987 at 5.00 pm.

Birthdays today

General Sir John Anderson, 79; Mr Ray Charles, singer, 57; Baroness David, 74; Sir Basil Feldman, former chairman, National Union of Conservative Party, 61; the Duke of Fife, 58; Mr J.E.A.R. Guinness, deputy chairman, Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association, 63; Sir Gordon Hadow, Colonial administrator, 79; Professor Daphne Jackson, physicist, 51; Sir Henry Lintott, diplomat, 79; Dr B.B. Lloyd, former chairman, Health Education Council, 67; Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Morony, 61; the Earl of Southesk, 94; Mr Bruce Springsteen, rock singer, 38; Major-General D.E.B. Talbot, 79; Admiral Sir John Treacher, 63.

Appointments

Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, to be Chairman of the British Heart Foundation's Council, in succession to Sir Cyril Clarke.

Schools produce a quality press

By Anthony Hodges

A link-up between *The Times* Network System and budding journalists at schools all over Britain produced astonishingly good newspapers, Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice-chairman of Times Newspapers, said yesterday.

He was speaking at the first Newspaper Day prize day, in which 80 schools and hundreds of pupils took part. He said that looking through the dozens of entries had proved an exhilarating experience.

The papers, such as *The Solar*, *The Moon* (which claimed to be the most scintillating tabloid in Fleet Street) and the *Quennevois Examiner* from Jersey, were produced by children from primary to senior schools through the Network System.

This flashed up-to-the-minute stories on to screens in their classrooms and using these and other agency sources, local interviews and reports, the youngsters assembled, edited and printed their own papers to a set deadline.

To the hard news stories they added their own ideas such as cartoons, crosswords, competitions and one even had a horoscope.

Mr Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times*, who presented the prizes, said that for the system to be used for such an educational project was very exciting and brought the realities and challenges of the commercial world that much closer to education.

The day was the brainchild of Mr Derek Maxted, a Lincolnshire teacher, who started it on a small scale locally and watched it grow into a national event. Now he is planning to extend it next year into an international competition with schools from every Continent taking part.

The three age group winners, who each received a framed plaque of the first front page of *The Times* produced at the Wapping plant, were: Wilmcote CE Junior and Infant School, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, Bishop Grossetesie College, Newport, Lincoln, and Bretton Woods School, Peterborough.

Runners-up and highly commended were: Penygawsi Primary School, Mid Glamorgan, Rocks Park CP School, Uckfield, East Sussex, Byron Junior School, Croydon, Surrey, Claremont Road School, Greater Manchester, St Giles School, South Croydon, Surrey and Les Quennevais School, St Brelade, Jersey.

Sir Edward Pickering (left) and Mr Charles Wilson inspecting entries with prize winners (from left) James Penfold, Nicola Taylor and Toby Eve (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.P. Deasy and Dr H.C.A. Wright
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of the late Mr Dennis Deasy and of Mrs Margaret Deasy, of Woking, Surrey, and Henrietta, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wright, of Wilbraham Temple, Cambridge.

Mr G.E.J.A. Doughty and Miss J.H. Cotton
The engagement is announced between George Edward, only son of the late Mr Edward Doughty and of Mrs Suna Prevost, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Cotton, of Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Mr T.R. Gray and Miss J.M. Breeze
The engagement is announced between Thomas Reith, second son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Gray, of Ingoe, Northumberland, and Joanne Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.Breeze, of Gorleston, Norfolk.

Mr I.D. Hislop and Miss V. Hamson
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of the late Mr D.A. Hislop and Mrs Hislop, of Ringmer, Sussex, and Victoria, daughter of Mr J. Hamson, of Bidford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, and Mrs M. Hamson, of Hadlow, Kent.

Mr R.E. Hopkins and Miss A.L.T. David
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Hopkins, of Husbourne Crawley, Bedfordshire, and Anna Lisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Hill David, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr H.K.H. Johnston Stewart and Miss J.F. Carey
The engagement is announced between Hamish, third son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Johnston Stewart, of Physgill, Whithorn, Wigtownshire, and Josephine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W.H. Carey, of Hampstead, London.

Mr R.W.D. Palmer and Miss C.E. Turner
The engagement is announced between William, son of Dr and Mrs Brian Palmer, of Bowness, Cumbria, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Turner, of Yapton, Sussex.

Mr M.C.O. Parker and Miss S.L. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gerard Parker, of Carnforth, Lancashire, and Sara, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Gordon Hamilton, of Lancaster.

Mr W.G. Raschen and Miss J.M. Astley
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Colonel and Mrs D.G. Raschen, of Coplow House, Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.F. Astley, of Greyfell, Penrith, Cumbria.

Mr B. Richmond and Miss R. Wood
The engagement is announced between Billy, son of Mr Frederick Richmond, of Ipswich, and Mrs Susan Richmond, of Basingstoke, and Ruth, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Geoffrey Wood, of Bentley, Suffolk.

Mr J.C. Serocold and Miss G.L. Naylor
The engagement is announced between John, only son of the Rev R.E.P. and Mrs Serocold, of Hambledon, Hampshire, and Gillian, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Naylor, of Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Dr J.J. Serra and Miss J.E.F. Wright
The engagement is announced between Jaime, son of Mr and Mrs Serra, of Mexico City, and Joanna, twin daughter of the late Mr A.K. Wright, MC, and of Mrs Wright, of Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey.

Mr M. Stamps and Miss K.J. Mason
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Stamps, of Fleggburgh, Norfolk, and Kirsty Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Mason, of Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Marriages

Mr C.M. Grigg and Dr C.F.M. Stirling

The marriage took place at St Margaret's Church, Great Barr, on September 12, between Mr Christopher Grigg, son of Mr and Mrs C.C. Grigg, of Southampton, and Dr Fionna Stirling, daughter of Dr and Mrs T. Boyd Stirling, of Aldridge.

The bride was attended by Phillipa Peacock, Elizabeth Porcher and Seonaid Stirling. Mr Malcolm Cobb was best man.

Mr R.W. Wirgman and Miss K.B. Henderson
The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Mr Roderick W. Wirgman, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Ian W. Wirgman, of Quarry Road, London, and Miss Kerena Henderson, only daughter of Mr Alan Henderson, of Shefford Woodlands, Berkshire, and Mrs John Impey, of Ladbroke Walk, London. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ruaraidh Hunter, Edward Hill, Sarah Leonard, Georgina McMullen, Emma Bolton and Katie Byam-Cook. A guard of honour was found by the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. Mr Rupert R. Wirgman was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Memorial service

Mr J.M.S. Green
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Maurice Green was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated, assisted by Prebendary Dewi Morgan.

Mr Michael Green, son, read the lesson, Mr Bob Farmer read from the works of John Donne and Lord Deedes gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Green (widow), Major and Mrs R E Green (brother and sister-in-law), Mr Fletcher le Fleming (brother-in-law), Mr Richard le Fleming, Mr Christopher Green, Mr and Mrs Anthony Merewether, Mr and Mrs M Forrest.

Viscount Camrose, Lord Hartwell, the Hon Hugh Lawson, Sir Robin Napier; Mr Andrew Knight (chief executive and editor-in-chief, *The Daily Telegraph*) with Mr Max Hastings (editor), Mr Andrew Hutchinson (deputy editor) and Mrs Hutchinson, the Hon Jeremy Deedes, Mr E H Marsh, Mr Michael Hogg, Lord Bruce-Gardyne, Mr Adrian Lighter, Mr Bernard Foyster, Miss Winefride Carr, Mr John Coldstream, Mr Tony Marshall and Mr D A S Vear.

Sir Edward Pickering (executive vice-chairman, Times Newspapers), Sir John and Lady Pilcher, Sir John and Lady Coulson, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Sir Edmund Compton, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Mr Harold Cowen (Reform Club), Mr Paul Bareau (Political Economy Club), Mr G Armes (president, Institute of Journalists) with Mr John Hart (general secretary), Mr Henry Douglas (Media Society), Mr Brian Nicholson (Marlar International), Mr and Mrs R E Donaldson, Mr P J Talbot, Mme Lotti Manrau, Mrs Philip Beaver, Mr Mark Beaver, Mr and Mrs T E Utley, Mr Cyril Bainbridge, Mr Iverach McDonald, Mr Geoffrey Woolley, Mr Colin Watson, Miss Enid Knowles.

Colonel Terence Maxwell, Mr E W Swanton, Mr Colin Welch, Mr Len Piddington, Mr A A Atkins, Mr J M Williams, Mr and Mrs Harold Orchard, Mr Blake Baker, Mr and Mrs Edward Dykes, Mrs A Don, Miss Jocelyn Galsworthy, Mr and Mrs W B S Walker, Miss Sara Walker, Mr Peter Bareau, Miss Phyllis Jackson, Mr Jack Hill, Mr and Mrs M Baker-Munion.

Mr W R A Easthope, Mr John Dudmore, Mr Alston Thomas, Mrs B Noble, Mr Julian Watson, Mr Christopher Stiven, Mr J Bakeer, Mr G A Allan, Miss C Raby, Mrs M Whitmore, Dr and Mrs D C Lillie, Mr George Glenlow, Mr Bryan Dykes, Mr Hans Dinger, Mrs E Dinger, Mr John Cockcroft, Mrs J Dawkins, Mr J Cooper, Mr Philip Hodge, Mr Peter Berliner, Mr Tony Davy, Mr Christopher Underwood and Mr Graham Martin-Turner.

Receptions

Lord McFadzean
Lord McFadzean entertained members of The Pilgrims at a reception at the House of Lords yesterday.

University College London
Sir James Lighthill, Provost of University College London, was host at a reception held at the college yesterday after the opening of the new floor of the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering by Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State, Department of Education and Science.

Soirée

Royal Society of Arts
Sir Peter Baldwin, Chairman of the Council of the Royal Society of Arts, and Mr Peter Andry, chairman of the music committee, received the guests at a soirée held yesterday at John Adam Street. The society's music scholarships for 1987 were awarded to young professional singers and string players.

Dinner

Scottish Investment Trust
A dinner to mark the centenary of the Scottish Investment Trust was given by the directors in Edinburgh on September 21. Mr Angus Grossart was in the chair. The Right Rev Dr Duncan Shaw, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said grace. Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, proposed the toast of the Scottish Investment Trust to which the chairman replied. Mr John Smith, QC, MP, proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the guests.

Bishop named

The Ven Michael Vickers, Archdeacon of the East Riding, has been appointed Bishop of Colchester.

Science report

Tailor-made microbes for farming

By Alfred Brown

Soviet scientists are engaged in a development to transform organic farming from small scale ventures to large scale agricultural enterprises.

The object is to boost yields from crops by employing advances in biotechnology, rather than by a vast increase in the use of nitrate fertilizers with the consequent hazard of pollution of waterways.

The plan rests on advances in biotechnology to produce tailor-made microbes to help plants to obtain the extra nitrogen they need from the atmosphere. Their work is the subject of a progress report on nitrogen fixation.

There are many agricultural scientists, world-wide, tackling the problem of transferring the ability of legumes - peas and beans - to fix nitrogen from the air to other plants, mainly cereals.

Supplying nitrogen artificially by chemical fertilizers means adding two to three times as much to the soil as a plant extracts, leaving the costly residue running off to pollute water supplies.

Legumes benefit from a symbiotic relation with bacteria in their root nodules which produce more nitrogen than they themselves need. The problem of transferring this ability to other plant forms is a dual one, according to Soviet scientists.

To be effective, the bacteria have to produce a nitrogen surplus and they have to be incorporated into the plant's own cellular structure. Like many biological problems this is one of topology, the bacterial surface has to enter a "lock and key" relationship with the plant surface.

Hopes of finding such bacteria naturally are remote, particularly as most natural nitrogen-fixing bacteria lose at least part of this ability in the presence of nitrogenous fertilizers.

The solution lies in genetic engineering, constructing suitable bacteria by transferring nitrogen fixing genes to bacteria of suitable shape and by selection of suitable shapes from transformed existing bacteria.

The second route has been followed for tomatoes. Special strains of *azobacter*, the most potent of natural nitrogen fixers, capable of attaching themselves to tomato roots has boosted yields of glasshouse crops by between 15 and 30 per cent.

In the case of cereals, promising results are being obtained with a natural micro-organism introduced to the wheat root system, *azospirilla*. Success is claimed in producing the first collection of these micro-organisms which can stimulate cereal production.

Having done so, though, the scientists are reportedly having to sort them out again to find those which can attach themselves to specific plant varities. Trials are underway sowing bacteria-treated seeds.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the best results have been obtained with legumes themselves. Nature, helped by science, achieves an optimum she rarely reaches alone.

A mixture of microbes peat, called Nitragin, now being produced on an industrial scale, is increasing legume yields by more than a quarter.

Soviet agriculture also claims to be up with the rest of the world, if not in advance, in using microbes to produce proteins, essential for livestock growth, not present in sufficient quantities in normal grain seeds.

A new strain of mutant bacteria developed by Latvian scientists produces 80g of the essential amino acid lysine per litre of culture medium — taking the record of 60g from a Japanese microbe. It is further claimed the Latvian process is the first to produce a concentrated feed, lysine, on an industrial scale, at half normal cost.

A Latvian factory, producing 2,000 tons a year, was the first of five in the Soviet Union. At the moment the factories use molasses, sugar refinery waste and maize extract as seed stock.

It is hoped, soon, to change to cheaper raw materials, acetic acid and wood. Protein produced this way is so pure that consideration is being given to adding it to white bread for human consumption.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will visit the Spelthorne St Mary Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre for Women Alcoholics at Milton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, at 10.30.

The Duchess of York, as patron, will view the photographic entries for the Search '88 Cancer Trust book *One Day for Life* at PHM Mailing Services, Penn, Buckinghamshire, at noon; and, as patron, attends a ball at Syon House on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Tiffany and Company in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child.

The Princess Royal will visit Brazil until September 29 to undertake official engagements at the invitation of the Brazilian Government and, as President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, to attend an FEI Bureau meeting.

Princess Margaret will visit Burtonwood Brewery, Warrington, at 11.30; and the Opportunities '87 Exhibition at Warrington Town Hall at 2.30.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Sailor's Soldier's and Airmen's Families' Association, will visit the Abbeyfield Project at Hereford at 11.00.

Anniversaries

DEATHS: Richard Bonington, landscape painter, London, 1828; Prosper Mérimée, writer, Cannes, 1870; Wilkie Collins, novelist, London, 1889; John Morley, Viscount Morley of Blackburn, statesman and writer, Wimbledon, 1923; Sigmund Freud, London, 1939; Pablo Neruda, poet, Nobel laureate 1971, Santiago, 1973.

OBITUARY

LORD CARNARVON

Gentleman jockey and breeder

Lord Carnarvon, amateur jockey, horse breeder, hospitable host, and a good shot, died yesterday. He was 88.

Henry George Alfred Marius Victor Francis Herbert was born on November 7, 1898. His father, the 5th earl, was the discoverer, with Howard Carter, of Tutankhamun's tomb.

The young Herbert — known by some as "Porchey" — was brought up among guns. In later life he used to describe himself as "gun deaf"; his hearing had been impaired by a Turkish camel gun which blasted off only ten yeards away from him.

He went to Sandhurst and joined the 7th (Queen's Own) Hussars in India. From 1916 to 1919 he served with the regiment in Mesopotamia. As a second-lieutenant, still in his teens, it fell to him to command a firing squad which executed a Turkish officer at Baghdad.

In the spring of 1923, while he was playing polo at Meerut, before the Viceroy, news came that his father was seriously ill in Egypt — bitten on the right cheek, by a mosquito, it was believed, while in the Valley of the Kings. He hastened to be with his father, who died a few hours after his arrival.

The new Lord Carnarvon left the Army in 1923 and became a racing man, building up stables and a stud farm. He lived the life of a sanguine aristocrat, brightened by betting coups and many a windfall.

In his memoirs, *No Regrets* (1976), he recalls that one such windfall came from a French nobleman who told him that when he married and if he had a son, he would give him £10,000. That son, Lord Porchester, has been Racing Manager to the Queen since 1969.

At his Highclere Stud at Newbury, amidst 4,000 acres of rolling Berkshire countryside, Carnarvon bred many good horses. These included Blenheim, winner of the 1930 Derby, and King Salmon, second in the Derby and winner of the Eclipse Stakes.

He himself rode on the flat as an amateur jockey for fourteen years, winning seven races on Patmos.

Among the best horses which he owned in recent years was Queen's Hussar, trained by Atty Corbett, which won seven races. This stallion sired Brigadier Gerard as well as the Queen's 1974 1,000 Guineas and French Oaks winner, Highclere.

During a trip to the United Staes in the late 1950s, Carnarvon took a Hollywood screen test. Studio executives were enthusiastic; the earl was not. Soon afterwards he fell seriously ill and was confined to a New York hospital; but his valet stood by the telephone to take the names of the first three over the finishing line in the St Leger.

Carnarvon sold his stud to his son in 1978, but his enthusiasm for the turf remained undiminished. He never did have much enthusiasm, however, for politics — and certainly none at all for speaking in the Lords.

He published, in 1980, *Ermine Tales*, a slight sequel to his popular memoirs.

He married, in 1922, Catherine Wendell, an American society beauty; they were divorced in 1936. Three years later he married Ottilie (Tilly) Losch, a Viennese-born dancer. That marriage ended in 1947. There was a son and daughter of the first marriage.

MR LOUIS KENTNER

Mr Louis Kentner, CBE, pianist, died yesterday. He was 82.

Louis Philip Kentner was born at Karwin, in Silesia, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, on July 19, 1905. He studied at the Liszt Academy of Music at Budapest from 1911 until 1922. Among his teachers were Leo Weiner and Kodaly, with whom he studied composition.

He first attracted attention in 1916 for his playing of Chopin at the Academy. He made his official début at Budapest at the age of 15, and soon began to tour all over Europe and in the United States.

At this early stage of his career, he was particularly admired for the delicacy and virtuosity of his playing of Chopin and Liszt. After giving the first performance of Bartok's second piano concerto in 1933, under Klemperer in Budapest, he became a noted interpreter of that composer. In 1945 he gave the first British performance of the third concerto and, with his first wife, Ilona Kabos, of the two-piano concerto.

He had taken up residence in England in 1935, and became a naturalized British subject in 1946. Here, he became noted for his interpretations of the Mozart concertos, but he also gave complete cycles, rare in those days, of Bach's "48", and the Beethoven and Schubert sonatas.

He also took a close interest in the music of his contemporaries, particularly Tippett, Rawsthorne and Walton, who wrote a violin sonata (1950) for Yehudi Menuhin, and Kentner, Menuhin's brother-in-law.

But he was, perhaps, chiefly renowned as a Liszt interpreter. He had made a special study of that composer's music, and had a fine command of both the technical and intellectual resources needed for performing Liszt's works. In recognition of that fact he was made president of the Liszt Society, and in that position took a prominent part in the organization of the Liszt Festival in London during 1977.

Kentner was an accomplished chamber-music player, and at one time formed a trio with Menuhin and Cassado, and a duo with Menuhin. He was much admired as a teacher, taking great care over interpretative points with his pupils and giving them valued advice on practical matters.

His own compositions include chamber music, piano pieces, and songs — some of which were written at a very early age. In 1970, he was made an honorary fellow of the Royal Academy of Music. In 1978 he was made a CBE. In 1985 he returned to the concert platform with success for his 80th birthday celebrations.

His first marriage ended in 1945. In the following year he married Griselda Gould, sister of Menuhin's wife, Diana, and who survives him. There were no children.

MR MERLIN MINSHALL

Mr Merlin Minshall, a rumbustious adventurer who was born three or four centuries too late, died on September 3. He was 81.

Merlin Theodore Minshall, son of a newspaper proprietor and nephew of a baronet, had a conventional education — prep school, public school, Oxford, architectural school — and loathed it. He gave up his architectural training to spend over two years sailing across Europe in a small boat, thus coming into contact with the Nazi régime, which had just come to power.

He next turned to car-racing, found himself being presented with a prize by Mussolini and went off to cross the Sahara north-to-south in a three-wheeled light truck coming into further contact with fascism.

He tried to get authorities in Whitehall interested in what he had found out; without, in the floodtide of appeasement, much success. He did secure a sub-lieutenant's commission in the RNVR, but his was not in any sense a subordinate temperament.

His bristly personality soon put him at odds with Admiral Godfrey, the director of naval intelligence. Luckily for Minshall, Godfrey's assistant, Ian Fleming, gave him a helping hand (Minshall is supposed to have been one of the characters from whom Fleming later drew James Bond).

As he had intimate knowledge of the middle-Danube, he was sent to take part in ineffective British attempts to stop the flow of Romanian grain and oil to Germany. He returned to England, after various hair's breath's escapes, and was snapped up by SOE on its formation in the summer of 1940.

Late that November he ran operation "Shamrock". He took a small party of Frenchmen to the Gironde Estuary. They travelled by submarine and seized a fishing smack from which they studied the movements of U-boats going in and out of the estuary. They then sailed the smack back to England to report.

Minshall then spent a spell in New Zealand, organizing special naval intelligence. From this comparative rest he was recalled in the autumn of 1943, promoted Commander, and sent to establish naval liaison with Tito's partisans on the coast of Yugoslavia.

This provided him with a further string of adventures, recounted in his entertaining war autobiography, *Guilt-edged*, published in 1975 with a foreword by his friend, Len Deighton.

When the war was over, uniformed service held no attractions for Minshall. Once he tried his hand at politics. His half-brother, Lord Poole, had been chairman of the Conservative party; his own inclinations, though strongly anti-Socialist, were more Liberal.

He settled in Norfolk, with his third wife and their four sons.

MR E. E. WISHART

Mr E. E. Wishart, who died on September 16, at the age of 85, was a publisher who was widely known in the 1930s for his avante garde and left-wing pre-occupations.

Ernest Edward Wishart was born on August 11, 1902, the only son of Colonel Sir Sidney Wishart. He was educated at Rugby and at Gonville and Caius, Cambridge, where he read history and law. In view of the fact that his father was both Sheriff and one of HM Lieutenants for the City of London, his career then took a surprising turn.

Soon after coming down from Cambridge he founded, with his friend Douglas Garman (whose sister he was later to marry), the publishing house of Wishart and Co. Among the first books to appear were Nancy Cunard's pioneering anthology *Negro* and Geoffrey Gorer's *The Revolutionary Ideas of the Marquis de Sade*, with an introduction by Wishart's friend, J. B. S. Haldane.

Wishart and Co also published a quarterly review *The Calendar of Modern Letters*, edited by Edgell Rickword, which ran from 1925 to 1927 and whose contributors included the youthful Roy Campbell, E. M. Forster, Robert Graves, Aldous Huxley, D. H. Lawrence, Wyndham Lewis, Peter Quennell and Bertrand Russell.

Like many of his generation at Cambridge, Wishart developed Marxist sympathies and later, though adamantly refusing to join the Communist Party ("ideas interest me; parties do not"), he took over the firm of Martin Lawrence.

As Lawrence and Wishart he released literature of an increasingly political nature, including the complete works of Lenin, Marx, Engels and Stalin (the last, particularly, he came to regret deeply).

Lawrence and Wishart took over from the Hogarth Press John Lehmann's *New Writing*.

With the outbreak of the Second World War Wishart's interest in publishing waned. He put his London house at the disposal of the Czech government in exile and settled permanently on his estate in Sussex where he managed his several farms.

Wishart was a private, modest man, whose chief hobbies were ornithology, architecture and local history, upon which subjects he was exceptionally well informed. An early patron of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (A. R. Powys had advised him on the extension of his Tudor manor house), he gave an impressive mediaeval round house to Edward James's Museum of Agricultural Architecture at neighbouring West Dean.

He married, in 1927, Lorna Garman, youngest sister of Mrs Roy Campbell and Lady (Jacob) Epstein. She survives him with two sons and a daughter.

MR MICHAEL STEWART

Mr Michael Stewart, American composer and lyricist, died on September 20. He was 63. His most memorable effort was the adaptation of Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker* into the 1964 musical *Hello, Dolly!*

Stewart was a New Yorker by birth and his real name was Michael Rubin. He was in good company during the 1950s when writing for Sid Caesar's television series, *Caesar's Hour* — his fellow contributors included Neil Simon and Mel Brooks.

He wrote *Carnival!* (1961) and *George M!* (1968), and his work received many awards in the United States and much of it was performed in the West End.

Stewart also wrote the book and lyrics for *I Love My Wife*.

He never married.

Mr Dan Rowan, the suave, other half of the popular 1960s American comedy duo, Rowan and Martin, died yesterday. He was 65.

He and his partner, Dick Martin, worked their way up from the nightclub circuit to enjoy long-running success with their own television series, *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

But he knoweth the way that I take: when God hath tried me, I shall comeforth as gold.
Job 23 : 10

BIRTHS

ACKLAND - On September 18th, to Martin Ackland and Helen Woolhouse, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth.

ANDREWS - On September 20th, to Coryn (née Griffith-Jones) and Stephen, a daughter, Rebecca May, a sister for Sarah and Naomi.

BEAMISH - On September 22nd, at the Rosie, Cambridge, to Louise (née Hanson-Smith) and Nicholas, a son, Charles Patrick Fulcher.

BENZIE - On September 17th 1987, at Frimley Park Hospital, to Dena (née Rostron) and Alasdair, a son, Maxwell Swan.

BLANDFORD-DAVIES - On September 12th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Caroline and Gordon, a son, Arthur Robert William.

BOGUE - On September 17th, at Mount Alvernia Guildford, to Victoria Louise (née Berliand) and James, a son, Oliver Charles James.

BURTON - On September 17th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Sally (née Newton) and Mark, a son, Timothy John

CHONG - On September 2nd, in New York, to Frances (née Charteris) and Val, a daughter, Chinue Amelia, a sister for Ayinde.

COOMBS - On Monday September 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer (née Lonsdale) and Derek, a son, Jack Edward Clifford.

COOPER - On September 20th in Portland, Oregon, to Leesa (née Heady) and Tim, a son David Alexander.

COTTAM - On September 20th, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Susan the wife of Nicholas, a daughter, Emma Louise Ruth, a sister for James.

CROOKENDEN - On September 19th 1987, to Sarah (née Pragnell) and Simon, a son, Thomas Henry, a brother for Rebecca.

FAULKNER - On September 19th 1987, to Cornelia (née Murray-Philipson) and Terence, a daughter, Catherine Cornelia (Kitty).

GLEDHILL - On September 21st, to Liese (née Flynn) and Roger, a daughter, Camilla Suzanne, a sister for Lucy.

GURUNG - On September 19th 1987, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Deborah (née Stainton) and K.K., a son.

HITCHINS - On September 19th, to Stephanie and John, a daughter, Belinda Sarah, a sister for Thomas.

HUNTER-LOVE - On September 19th 1987, at Princess Margaret, Windsor, to Ann and Colin, a daughter, Amber Rebecca.

MACHIN - On September 15th, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Kim (née Furniss) and John, a daughter, Lauren Victoria Elizabeth.

MAGILL - On September 20th, at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Cosima and William, a daughter, Octavia.

OWEN - On September 5th 1987, at St David's Hospital, Bangor, to Gwenllian (née Humphreys Jones) and Tudur, a son, Rhodri William.

PARKER. On September 20th to Buffy and Kate (née Aldridge) a son, Archie, a brother for Lucy and Amelia.

PERRYMAN - On September 21st 1987, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Melanie (née Adamson) and Nigel, a son, Adam David.

PETHERBRIDGE - On September 18th 1987, at Bradford Royal Infirmary, to Anne and Alan, a son, Alexander James.

PROCTOR - On September 16th, at St. George's Hospital, Tooting, to Hilary (née Woodward) and Jonathon, a daughter, Penelope Jane.

ROGERS - On September 20th, to Lynn (née Meadowcroft) and Stephen, daughters, Harriet and Frances.

SCOTT - On September 18th, to Julia (née Dean) and Alex, a son, Daniel Fitzroy.

SHALLCROSS - On September 16th 1987, at St James's Hospital, Leeds, to Judy (née Cresswell) and Tim, a daughter, Leigh Alexandra.

VEASEY - On September 20th, to Alison (née Gillespie) and Duncan, a son, Robert Henry George, a brother for Sarah, Amy, Max and Julius.

WALTER - On September 19th 1987, to Joy and Michael, a son, Matthew Michael, a brother for Helen Margaret.

WOOLLER - On September 8th 1987, to Eileen (née Ismay) and Martin, a son, Richard Frederick Ismay, a brother for Kate and Sophie.

MARRIAGES

DOULTON:BARRACLOUTH - On September 19th 1987, in London, Michael Doulton to Pruna Barraclouth.

LIBSON:MITCHELL - On September 20th, at St Etheldreda's Church, Mr Lowell Libson to Rowena Mitchell.

STOCKWELL:PATERSON - On Saturday September 19th, at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, Peter Alan, to Angela Jane Bowhill

DEATHS

AYLWARD - On September 21st, peacefully at Westminster Hospital, Jane Aylward. Funeral Service at Farringdon, Hants, 2.30 pm Monday September 28th. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Cancer Research, Westminster Medical School, Horseferry Rd, London SW1.

BINNING - On September 20th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Margaret (Monie) of Luxborough, Somerset. Dearly loved sister, aunt and great aunt and friend. Service at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Friday, 25th September at 3.30pm. No flowers at her request but donations, if desired, to Guide Dogs for the Blind, C/o of Mrs. Wassey, Dunster, Somerset.

BUTLER - On September 19th, Barbara Ada: of Emsworth, wife of the late Charles Theophilus Butler and mother of Ann and Jane. Service of Thanksgiving at Warblington Church on Thursday October 1st at 2.30pm. No flowers or letters by request

CARNARVON - On September 22nd, peacefully at Edgecombe Nursing Home, Highclere, Henry George Alfred Marius Victor Francis Herbert, 6th Earl of Carnarvon, aged 88. Funeral Tuesday, 29th September, 3.00pm Highclere Church. Flowers to Arthur Chivers, 63 Cheap Street, Newbury, Berks or donations to The Injured Jockeys Fund, 1 Bridge Street, Newbury, Berks.

CHANDOS - On September 21st 1987, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, peacefully, after a short illness, John, much loved father of Angela and grandfather of Nick and Kate. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium at 12 noon on Monday September 28th.

CHARLTON - On September 20th, James Mervyn Charlton, M.A. of Kidderminster: husband of Doris and father of Patricia. Funeral Service at St John's, Parish Church, Kidderminster on Saturday, 26th September at 11.00 am

CREWS - On September 16th, at Weston-super-Mare, Alexander Norman, beloved husband of Jean and father of Robert.

DONOVAN - On September 20th, at home in Oakway, Studham, John, dearly loved husband of Phyllis. Sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service at Garston Crematorium at 10.15am on Monday September 28th.

DORIAN - On 20th September, 1987, peacefully in hospital, Khatcho, beloved husband of Jean and much loved step-father of Angela, Peter and Teresa. Funeral Service at St. Marylebone Crematorium on Friday 25th September, at 1.00pm. Flowers if desired to Cooksey & Son Ltd. 190 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill, N10.

DOWNIE - On Friday 18th September at Milton Keynes General Hospital, after a long illness borne with great courage and fortitude, George Francis, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Susan, dearest father of Michael and much loved grand-father of Victoria. The Funeral Serivce takes place at St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Olney, on Friday 25th September, 1.45pm. Flowers and enquires to H.W. Mason & Sons, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell. Tel: 0908 611112

EARLE - On August 28th 1987, at home, Staten Island, New York U.S.A. Vera Doreen Lomley - Kelly Earle, beloved wife of William P.S. Earle Jr. Parins. Devoted mother of Achille and Doreen Mogavero, William de Blois, Julia Parins Valerie Earle. Survived by 5 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter, 1 greatgrand niece and Anicce Lynn King. Memorial contributions to New York University Medical Center, New York, N.Y. U.S.A., in memory of Vera Earle.

EDMONDS - On September 18th, 1987, Phyllis (née Stephenson), wife of the late C.J. Edmonds C.M.G., C.B.E.. Dearly loved mother of Hugh and stepmother of Diana, Marion and Geoffrey and devoted grandmother of seven. Funeral Service on Friday 25th September at 2.15pm at St Pauls Church, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to N.S.P.C.C. c/o E.R.Hickmott & Son, 41, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

FAIRHOLME - On September 22nd, peacefully in Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Evelyn. Funeral service at West Harts Crematorium, 2.45pm on October 5th. All enquiries to J J Burgess & Sons, Alfred House, The Common, Hatfield, Harts.

FIELDER - On September 20th, at The Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton, Glos. after a short illness, Heather Grace Compton. Dearly loved mother of Angela and Mark and wife of the late Major (ret'd) Raymond Fielder. Remembered by all with great love and gratitude. Service at St. Mary's, Prestbury, Glos. 10.30am Friday 25th September. Flowers to Selim Smith, Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. Donations to Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton, Cheltenham.

GIBSON - On September 20th, peacefully, Stanley Rutherford, in his 98th year at Ludshott Manor, Bramshott, Liphook, Hants. Former headmaster Bec School, London. Mourned by his wife, family and friends. Cremation Guildford Crematorium Friday September 25th, 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Road, London, W1.

HUGHES - On September 19th, peacefully at Hill House Residence, Ellington. Doris Ethel, widow of Reginald George Hughes, in her 94th year. Much loved mother, grand mother and great grand mother, sometime Chairman of Inner Wheel District 13. Funeral at 2pm on Monday September 28th at Cambridge Crematorium (3 miles NW of Cambridge on A604). Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to her favourite charity The Salvation Army, c/o Lt. Col. Arthur Thompson, 101 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4P 4EP.

HUME - On September 18th, peacefully in Hospital, Mary Katharine Emma, aged 83 years of Hildenborough, Kent, widow of Brigadier Rex Hume, dearly loved mother of Griselda and Oliver and splendid friend. Funeral on Friday September 25th 2.30pm at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to League of Friends, Princess Christian Hospital, c/o Miss Perry Morgan, 133 Estridge Way, Tonbridge, Kent, details of a Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

JAMES - On September 22nd 1987, peacefully at Crowborough, Sussex, Margaret (Meg), in her 90th year, wife of the late Jimmy, for many years of Meadow House, Crowborough. Funeral at St Michaels, Withyham, Sussex, Friday 25th September at 3 pm. Garden flowers only please or donations to Withyham Church to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough. Phone 08926-6000.

JAMESON - On September 21st, in her 92nd year, Georgina Marjorie, Widow of The Rev W.L. Jameson. Funeral service on Friday September 25th at 12.30 at St Mary's Church, Limpley Stoke, Bath.

JOLLIFFE - On September 21st, Constance Mary of Queen's Court Residential Home Chester (formerly of The Old Kennels Lache Lane, Chester) in her 90th year. Sadly missed by all her cousins. Funeral 11.00am at the Chester Crematorium. Enquiries pettits Delamere Street. Tel:Chester 381 578.

LEONARD - On September 20th 1987, peacefully at home after a short illness, Michael, much loved and missed by Diana, and all family and friends at home and abroad. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at Chelsea Parish Church of St Luke, Sydney Street, London SW3. Date and time to be announced.

LLOYD - On Tuesday, 22nd September 1987, after a short illness, at home, Rhu Cottage, Carrick Castle, Loch Goilhead, Argyll, Major Sir Guy Lloyd, Bt., aged 97. Beloved husband of Helen (who died on 20th October 1984) and loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial Service at Loch Goilhead Church, Loch Goilhead, Argyll at 12.30 pm on Saturday, 26th September. Enquiries and flowers to Robertson & Weir - Undertakers, 18 James Street, Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, tel: Helensburgh 3322.

LOWE - On September 10th, in Brighton, Jack, beloved brother of Marjorie. Cremation at Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday 25th September at 2.30pm.

MORSE - On September 19th, suddenly, Michael Haig, much loved father of Patricia, Bobby, and Julian. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium, on Friday 25th September at 12 noon. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, London, SW1 by 10.45 am please.

OWENS - On Thursday 17th September 1987, at Derby City Hospital, John Kenneth, C.B.E., F.R.S.A., M.A., known to many as J.K., loved brother of Helen Burn, 56 Longfield Road, Thorpe, Norwich and uncle of Peter and Linda, close friend of John and many others throughout Derbyshire and the United Kingdom. Funeral Monday 28th September, service and cremation, 2.15pm at Markeaton Crematorium. Cut flowers only please, which may be sent to Co-operative Funeral Service, 73 Normanton Road, Derby (Tel: 0332 44070) or donations in lieu to the Tibble Trust (music for the handicapped), c/o Sir Russell Wood, The Old Forge, Dunwich, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

NICHOLSON - On September 20th 1987, with his loving family, Neville Fathergill 'Nick', of Esher, beloved husband of Katie, and father of Anne Rosemary. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Monday September 28th at 2.00pm. Enquiries to F.W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher Tel. (0372) 64021.

PEROWNE - On September 16th 1987, after a long illness patiently borne, Gertrude Jenny (Trudy), widow of the late Major General L.E.C.M. Perowne, C.B., C.B.E., and much loved mother of Iris. Funeral has taken place.

PILCHER - On September 18th 1987, peacefully at home, Joan Emily aged 85 years of Ipswich. Much loved sister of Olive and dear aunt of Harry, Robin, Dick, David, Michael, Gill and Betty. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium, North Chapel on Thursday 24th September at 11.30am No flowers by request.

REES - On September 21st, peacefully at Forest Oaks Nursing Home, Brockenhurst, in her 97th year, Margaret (née Balleny), Widow of the late Reverend David Rees, and much loved aunt and great aunt. Funeral 3.30pm Friday September 25th at St Nicholas' Church, Brockenhurst. Flowers to A. Cleveland, South Weirs, Brockenhurst, Hants.

SANKEY/SULLIVAN - On September 19th, peacefully at Saint Raphael's Danehill Sussex, in her 92nd year, Catherine Janet widow of Captain Villiers Jack Sankey R.N., and wife of Eugene Sullivan formerly of Crowborough and now care of Saint Mary's, Magdalene Street Glastonbury. Requiem Mass at Worth Abbey, Crawley, Sussex on Thursday September 24th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Saint Raphael's Danehill Sussex.

SCHNURMANN - On September 21st 1987, peacefully at home after a long bravely endured illness, Aina Ingeborg (née Nordqvist), dearly loved wife of Robert. Service at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull, Friday September 25th at 3.pm.

SMITH - On September 19th, peacefully at Trinity Hospital, after a long illness, Percy Landon M.C., Q.P.M., 2 The Pound, Moor Lane, North Curry, Nr Taunton, aged 93 years. Former Chief of Police, London Transport. Funeral Service, North Curry Church, Friday September 25th, 1.15pm, followed by cremation at Taunton Deane. Family flowers only, donations for North Curry Church to Leonard Smith Funeral Directors, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton.

STOKES - On September 21st 1987, David Ralph Stokes, M.B.E., aged 70. Beloved husband of Eileen of Cobham, Surrey. The funeral service will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Tuesday September 29th at 2.30pm. Flowers, if desired, to James and Thomas Ltd, Mill Road, Cobham.

THOMAS - On September 20th 1987, at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Dr. Henry Martin very dearly loved husband of Ruth, loving father of Andrew, Paul, Antony and Jane. Grandfather of Edward and Alice. Requiem Mass at St. Giles' Church, Reading on Monday, September 28th at 12.30pm. Cremation private, no flowers, donations if desired for West Berks Health Authority Medical Research, C/o A. B. Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

VANDERPUMP - On September 20th, Norman Alfred, O.B.E., beloved husband of Monica.

WAGHORN - On September 19th, tragically Nicholas Paul Stewart aged 34 years of The Halfway House, Llantilio. Beloved husband of Jane and a loved son and brother. Funeral service at Hereford Crematorium on Friday 25th September at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu maybe sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO BOX 123, Lincolns Inn Field, London WC2A 3PX.

WALKER - On September 19th 1987, peacefully at home, Rosemary Hill Road, Major Gerald Nicholson T.D., B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., formerly of Midgley Drive. Beloved husband of the late Katie. Joint Managing Director of Walker Brothers Electrical Engineers, past President of the E.C.A., the N.E.C.T.A. and N.F.E.A. No flowers by request, all donations to be sent c/o Dr. A.A. Farooqi, Consultant Physician, Floyer Ward, Good Hope Hospital, Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Cheques made payable to North Birmingham Health Authorities, Floyer Trust Fund. Funeral on Wednesday September 30th, 1987, 12.30 pm at Sutton Crematorium.

WOLSTENCROFT - On September 21st, Dr John, after a short illness. Formerly Consultant Physician, West Herts Hospital. Husband of the late Valerie Wolstencroft and father of Jean, Antonia and Valerie. Requiem Mass at Holy Redeemer Church, Bishopdown, Salisbury on Monday 28th September at 10.am. No letters please. Enquiries to H A Harrold and Son, Funeral Directors. Tel: Salisbury (0722) 21177

WOODWARD - On September 15th, peacefully in hospital, aged 80, George H. Woodward, dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Service at Eltham Crematorium Thursday September 24th at 12.15pm. Flowers to Francis Chapel, Broadway, Bexleyheath or donations to The British Heart Foundation.

WULFF - On September 19th, peacefully, Lisa. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Friday September 25th at 2.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BILLECOCQ - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Pierre Billecocq will be held at the Dominican Convent, 222 Rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré on Tuesday 29th September, at 6.30pm.

CHESTERMAN - A Memorial Service for Mr. Patrick Chesterman, F.R.C.S., will be held at the Chapel of The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, on Saturday October 3rd at 12 noon.

MATTHEWS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Emeritus Professor Paul T Matthews FRS will be held at the Chaplaincy Centre, University of Bath, at 2.45 pm on Wednesday October 7th 1987.

WARD - A Thanksgiving for the life of Timothy Nigel Peirce Ward (Timbo) will be held on October 7th at 11am at St James Church, Piccadilly.

YOUNG - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and works of Dr. John V.I. Young, Consultant Anaesthetist at The London Hospital, will be held on Wednesday 7th October at 5pm at St Dunstan's Church, Stepney Way, London E1.

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MORRIS - September 22nd 1986. In loving memory of dearest Daphne, so deeply missed by Stella, June and all the family

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

MANCROFT - On September 24th, Stormont Mancroft Samuel, Lord. Private funeral, family only 11.30 at Church of St Peter and St Paul, Maperton, Wincanton, Somerset. A Service of Thanksgiving to be held in London, date to be announced later Enquiries to Kenyon's, 01-935 3728.

Sale room

Victorian house yields its treasure

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Sales Correspondent

Christie's provided a promising taster for the impending autumn auction season with its successful two-day country house sale of the contents of Orchardleigh Park, Somserset. It finished yesterday with sales at £1.35 million and only one per cent bought in.

A Victorian mansion designed by Thomas Henry Wyatt, it had been in the Duckworth family for 150 years. The furnishings reflectedn the tastes of successive generations, from Old Masters bought by the original owner, William Duckworth, to the Georgian mahogany furniture bought by the late Arthur Duckworth.

Apart from the Greek embroidered mat, which was carried off for £1, the most notable bargain was the portrait of the 19th century chemist, John Dalton, which the National Portrait Gallery secured for £1,338. It had kept quiet about the sitter's identity, and it was catalogued as "Portrait of a Gentleman".

Top price was £66,000 (including buyer's premium) paid by the London dealer, Richard Green, for a picture of Venice's Rialto Bridge bathed in lemon-coloured light, by Walter Richard Sickert. Other good prices included £60,500 for an interior scene by Pierre Bonnard and £58,300 for an Italianate river landscape by Zuccarelli.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGEE, RUDOLPH AGEE, late of 9 Beech Grove, New Malden, Surrey, died at Ashford, Middlesex on 2nd September 1986.

(Estate about £36,720)

AUSTEN, ERIC LEON AUSTEN otherwise ERIC AUSTEN, late of Fairfield Hospital, Stotfold, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, died Stevenage, Hertfordshire on 31st March 1987.

(Estate about £14,000)

DAVIES otherwise HUGHES-DAVIES nee LORANT, MURIEL DOROTHY DAVIES otherwise MURIEL DOROTHY HUGHES-DAVIES nee LORANT, WIDOW late of 44a Stowe Road, Shepherd's Bush, London W12, died there on 30th December 1986.

(Estate about £20,000)

ELSWORTH, MONTAGUE ELSWORTH, late of 2 Randolph Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, died there on 21st January 1987

(Estate about £11,000)

GRIMSHAW, BERNARD ALFRED GRIMSHAW, late of 28 Priory Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, died there on 10th February 1987

(Estate about £97,000)

LEACH, DOROTHY MARGUERITA LEACH, SPINSTER late of 12 Orchards Way, Highfield, Southampton, died at Southampton on 4th December 1985

(Estate about £46,000)

MACKENZIE, GEORGE MACKENZIE, late of 6 Windmill, Harpur Street, Camden, London WC1, died at Smithfield, London EC1 on 22nd November 1985.

(Estate about £20,000)

MCGRATH, SIDNEY GEORGE MCGRATH, late of Glanrhyd Hospital, Aberkenfig, Mid Glamorgan, died there on 16th March 1986.

(Estate about £48,600)

SMITH, ERIC GILBERT WEST SMITH otherwise ERIC GILBERT SMITH, late of Flat 6, 160 Lavender Hill, Battersea, London SW11, died there on 16th March 1986

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STRINGER, PHILIP WILLIAM STRINGER, late of 14 Kingsmead, Felpham, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, died there on 6th January 1987.

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THE ARTS

Dangerous theories and dirty deeds

TELEVISION

Martin Cropper reviews last night's programmes, and **David Sinclair** laments today's announcement of the end of *Whistle Test*

The Politics of Food **(Channel 4) invited us to sit back and fulfil Orwell's prophesy about half the world watching the other half starve on television. Though potentially self-sufficient in food, the Sudan has long been the playground of economic theorists wishing to impose solutions by remote control. A cartel of Coke-swilling millionaire grain merchants has taken over, and the small farmers have gone to the wall. The World Bank (again) is fretting about its projected return on investment. Drought has supervened. Such programmes could easily be shown every night.**

After a heartless supper of rum and cocoa, *Viewpoint 87: Art of Darkness* (Central) dished up some light relief. A lecturer named David Dabydeen revealed, two or three centuries too late, that many of Britain's art treasures were bought by the dirty proceeds of the slave trade. To this end he assured us that a Palladian interior showed "excessive decoration, betraying a lack of true taste". We then cut to a truly taste-free wing of Warwick University, where the earnest presenter waxed wrath against Beckford, Chandos, old uncle Hans Sloane and all. For them to have grown rich on slavery was bad enough; to have patronized the arts was unforgivable.

Hogarth W. got an alpha-plus for "recognizing the links between art and slavery", but throughout the ensuing Open University exegesis one grew increasingly queasy as to the coming punchline. Would the National and Tate Galleries be indicted for racism? Should the terraces of Clifton, Bristol, be shipped off to Trenchtown, Jamaica? No: in a masterpiece of inferred specious reasoning, we were invited to accept that the anti-police riots of the 1980s are attributable to the lack of black representation in paintings. With such logic does academe justify its public subvention.

Unique in rock history

Today's announcement that BBC2's flagship rock music programme, *Whistle Test*, is to be discontinued after 16 years marks the end of an era. In the office of the executive producer, Michael Appleton, at the BBC's Centre House there is a cupboard full of curiously shaped *objets d'art* which look like a haul of rocks and other debris gathered on a beachcombing expedition. They are in fact *Melody Maker* readers' poll awards for "Best Television Programme" and, except for 1978, *The Old Grey Whistle Test*, as it was then known, took the trophies for every year from 1972 to 1980.

Such is the unique way in which the show is woven into the fabric of rock's history that, when it started in 1971, there was simply nowhere else to see rock music on television. Bob Harris, who took over the job of presenter from Richard Williams in 1972, explains: "In the early days it was the only place to see the terrific American acts like Jackson Browne and the Eagles, and it did a lot to introduce album music in general."

Working under considerable technical restrictions in the confines of "Pres B" — a tiny presentation studio on the fourth floor of Television Centre, now used for the weather forecast — Appleton's team built a show that became a touchstone for the emergent adult rock audience. Harris comments: "I don't believe the number of people who still say to me 'I grew up with you; you were part of my record-buying youth'."

Echoes of the archive film collector Phillip Jenkinson's marriage of animated visuals or obscure film clips to the music — for instance, the skiing sequence used to illustrate a track from Mike Oldfield's *Tubular Bells* — are manifest in today's video-making techniques. But the show's credibility took a battering during the punk era of 1977-78, when it stuck doggedly to its "albums-only" policy while a musical revolution took place on the streets, in the clubs and at 45 rpm.

The programme never regained its former authority, but fought a valiant rearguard action against stiff competition from *The Tube*, and finally located in Andy Kershaw a brash Eighties personality to match the laid-back, soft-spoken Harris, who so completely typified the mood of the mid-Seventies. Now it has fallen foul of both the increasingly ratings-conscious mood at the BBC and a departmental shake-up that has put the programme under the aegis of the hard-bitten executives at Light Entertainment, home of mass-audience shows like *Top of the Pops* and *Wogan*. According to the producer Trevor Dann, the *Whistle Test* team decided to jump before they were pushed.

"There are far too many shows for young people, a declining market in both television and the record industry", says Dann, who is plotting to fill the *Whistle Test* slot in January with a televisual equivalent of *Q* magazine and Johnnie Walker's *Stereo Sequence* show on Radio 1. In so doing, Dann will be bidding for the 25 to 50 age-group who are too old for pop television but whose interest in rock is indicated by their spending both on albums and in the expanding CD market.

Interestingly, such an audience profile comprises the very same people who used to dash home late on a Tuesday night to watch *The Old Grey Whistle Test* in the Seventies, and Bob Harris for one agrees with Dann's analysis. "Ironically, the programme is coming off at just the time when what *Whistle Test* represented in its early to mid-term is now more needed than ever."

Bizet's beauty laid bare

OPERA

The Pearl Fishers
Coliseum

One of the things that make *The Pearl Fishers* a more interesting opera than, say, *Lakmé* is the fact that it is by the composer of *Carmen*. Bizet's two works are of course about as different as *Salammbo* and *Madame Bovary*, if no doubt for different reasons, but while watching *The Pearl Fishers* one can hardly avoid being reminded of the later opera repeatedly, whether in the orchestral zest of the dances, or the fine, lean scoring or the violent musical language of the Zurga-Leila scene in the third act, prefiguring the final scene of *Carmen*.

Philip Prowse, in his new production for the English National Opera, has given these correspondences a dramatic focus by adding to the cast a mute lady of haughty deportment and animal presence. She would appear to be Zurga's concubine, but her costume is ambiguous enough to make her as credibly a Spanish gypsy as a Sinhalese appanage. And, though she becomes a little too prominent in the later stages of the opera (the curtain falls as she is about to dispatch Zurga), the stationing of a silent outsider on the stage adds depth to the production: Mr Prowse did rather the same thing in his *Orfeo ed Euridice* for Opera North by having an 18th-century traveller on the scene.

Donald Cooper

Demure radiance, resilient freshness and strength: Valerie Masterson and Sergei Leiferkus

Otherwise this *Pearl Fishers* is plain, even bare. As Mr Prowse intimated in his interview with John Higgins on Saturday, his view of the opera is architectural, allowing in very little of the luxuriance and voluptuousness of 19th-century orientalism.

The set is dominated by a vaguely temple-like construction in wood, which has the useful function of providing a high platform from which Leila can sing her night song, but which is more severe than elegant. So indeed is the lighting. Something less frontal might have obscured the European features of the chorus somewhat: they look a bit ridiculous with their Hindu dress and scarlet caste-marks. The strobe for the storm is also a bad idea, and the thunder here is a bizarrely naturalistic effect in an opera so lightly embedded in the real world.

One could also do without the fallen vicar and the other careworn representatives of the Raj, who act not to situate the production in factual history but rather to place it, along with the recent Scottish Opera *Aida*, on a stage in the 1980s. The drunken revelry at the start of the third act would not be missed; nor would the sparklers.

But, if the production is confused, the orchestral performance is marvellously coordinated by Sir Charles Mackerras, who enjoys extending Bizet's score to its full limits of quiet sensuousness and explosive volume, slowness and vivacity. Occasionally a particularly slow tempo might cause difficulties for the singers, but the orchestra is right up to the mark for the quick speeds; and the clarity of Bizet's languorousness is well conveyed by woodwind and string soloists.

Among the cast, Sergei Leiferkus makes an expectedly impressive house début. His accent may hamper the audibility of his words, but that hardly matters when the voice is in such good shape, producing phrase after phrase with the strength, resilience and freshness of green wood. Valerie Masterson uses her cool, demure radiance to exquisite effect as Leila, one or two moments of strain apart. Adrian Martin unfortunately has to force his voice too much as Nadir, and the lively appeal of his singing suffers: he will surely sing better when he can relax a little. Mark Richardson is the dark Nourabad.

Paul Griffiths

A playwright bloodshot with rage

THEATRE

The Big Knife
Albery

Having made history with the Group Theatre in the 1930s, Clifford Odets moved to Hollywood to make money; whereupon his gift deserted him, and the spokesman of the Depression and the New Deal turned into a chronicler of privileged individual crack-ups.

***The Big Knife*, written after 12 years in Hollywood, shows a Group Theatre-type actor reaching the end of a 12-year film contract, and trying too late to escape another spell of luxurious enslavement. Odets strengthens the trap by dealing the studios a blackmailing hand: either Charles Castle signs on for another 15 years, or goes to jail for a covered-up act of manslaughter. Charles signs, at the risk of wrecking his marriage, but finally burns his boats and slits his wrists when it emerges that the cover-up can only be preserved by adding murder to manslaughter.**

Like many another victim from Scott Fitzgerald to Christopher Hampton, Odets writes with the nausea of someone who has eaten too much dirt. Self-hatred is even stronger than hatred of the system; and the manifest impulse of the play is not so much revenge as the desire to show that he is still his own man. In a work bloodshot with rage, the fiercest anger is directed by Castle against himself. This at least allowed Odets a certain detachment in portraying the Beverley Hills rock-pool and the manners of its big fishes, which are much the livliest elements in the piece. The atmosphere they project is that of a poisonous prelude to the full iniquities of the witch-hunting years.

Conversation is as smooth and flattering as the environment, and as lacking in hard edges as the California climate. Sycophantic side-kicks, unctuous lawyers, pliable starlets cluster round the studio boss, who himself adopts the manner of a father confessor when not ascending into arias of baroque narcissism. "I am like a girl in a summertime canoe", croons James B. Sikking, in the act of getting the hero to sign his career away; "I can't say no." But of the hero himself, such is the apoplectic force of emotion, character and events obstinately refuse to come together, leaving you with an insistent sense of straying, manipulation and wordy self-justification.

Martin Shaw, our reigning specialist in American crack-ups, plays Castle with the red-eyed belligerence of a lost soul, reserving his most lacerating effects for moments when he briefly switches on the professional charm. The character hardly exists outside its one ruling obsession, but it is certainly a relief when the inwardly directed anger finally hits an external target.

Robin Lefevre's production is distinguished by several supporting performances of resource and wit, particularly David De Keyser's Pandarus-like agent and Delia Lindsay as a columnist. The other girls appear packaged for consumption rather than dressed; and there is little Gayle Hunnicutt can do on behalf of the graciously idealistic wife, further hampered by long exits up a spiral staircase, the one misjudged feature among the white piano and pinball machines of Grant Hicks's set.

Irving Wardle

Absence in mind

Tomorrow brings the book **Brian Moore** says he felt incapable of writing about Ireland: interview by Chris Petit

Brian Moore was born in Belfast in 1921, reared a Roman Catholic, left church and country as soon as possible ("Reverting to my grandfather's agnostic Protestantism"), lived for a time in Poland and later went to Hollywood to write a screenplay for Hitchcock; all these elements coalesce in his new novel, *The Colour of Blood*, which, though set in Eastern Europe, is according to Moore the book he felt incapable of writing about Ireland.

The Colour of Blood uses a popular format, the suspense thriller, to serious ends; that much Moore learnt from Hitchcock. Though neither was satisfied with *Torn Curtain*, the film they created together, each picked up a thing or two from the other. Moore gave Hitchcock the idea for one of the director's most memorable set-pieces when he remarked how hard it is for a person to overpower and kill someone struggling for life ("My father was a surgeon", Moore offers laconically). In turn, what Hitchcock taught him about suspense was developed in his own writing, in novels like *Cold Heaven*, and even more clearly in this new one, which takes the Cardinal Primate of a communist country and for three days puts him through a sort of wringer that would have made Hitchcock proud.

The Cardinal is shot at and abducted, goes on the run and finds himself the classic fall-guy in a mystery: what in heaven's name is going on? Poland remains unnamed in Moore's investigation into the greater mystery of religious and political beliefs at their most combustible because he wanted the echo of Ireland to be heard. "It's about the impossibility of extreme solutions, anywhere", he says, "and also about some of the things I think about Ireland — general rather than particular questions — but find impossible to tackle directly."

Writing at a remove is characteristic of Moore (who often chooses women protagonists for that reason), and of the Irish. He belongs to an august line of escapees that includes Wilde, Shaw, Joyce, Beckett and William Trevor. Moore himself is often drawn back as a writer to Ireland and church, and very occasionally to both as a tourist, too. He has been away nearly 40 years now and, like his work, placing him is hard. He does not sound like a writer, avoids literary references and gives the impression that in casual conversation with, say, a stranger on a train he would be unlikely to reveal his occupation. He looks like a listener, and seems more watchful than most writers. Moore appears as carefree as a man on holiday (which he was, but that is not the point), relieved to be abroad, which is common enough among the Irish.

Absence is important to Moore's writing, and an idle remark, "I like to be away", explains something of his work. The stories have an air of cosmopolitan restlessness, often cross borders, and can be summarized as a series of departures. "One had to get out", Moore says of Ireland. The idea nags that his holiday in fact began the day he left home, and that maybe everything since — particularly when one recalls the stifling atmosphere of Irish novels like *The Feast of Lupercal* and *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne* — has by comparison been a relief. Whatever the difficulties of the troubled souls in his other novels, none is quite so hellish as the solitariness of a Belfast bed-sitter.

Moore has travelled a long way since, and earned along the way the approval of Graham Greene, who has called him his favourite living writer. The lapsed Catholic card no doubt appeals to Greene, and also, one assumes, the versatility of the stories and plain skill of the prose. The start of *The Colour of Blood* — a car draws alongside another and a shot splits the night — is a reminder of how terse and exemplary his openings usually are. Moore attributes these fast starts to the influence of cinema, which he believes has affected all writers, often unconsciously, since Joyce.

Moore himself appears acutely aware of the relation of novel to film, right down to a skilful sense of editing, which in his work is very cinematic in its manipulation of time. The writing is adroit from hard practice, and there is always a technical challenge set with each novel. Although he writes easily ("I'm not one of the bleeders"), he thinks the occupational hazards for any writer, if at all conscientious, include insecurity and a feeling of getting nowhere.

Modesty makes Moore no great self-publicist. His critical reputation is high, but he remains less known than he deserves. He is hard to categorize because he does not repeat himself and sometimes even switches direction in the course of a story, which does not make for comfortable publishing. The contemporary fashions for the autobiographical novel and the writer as publicist do not favour Moore, who neither looks to himself for inspiration nor trumpets his work. He is the perfect anonymous writer, who more than his contemporaries fulfils Joyce's stipulations for greatness: "Silence, exile and cunning."

● *The Colour of Blood is published tomorrow by Jonathan Cape at £10.95.*

Chris Harris

Moore: "It's about the impossibility of extreme solutions"

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Are conferences too convivial? Victoria McKee reports

Terry Richards

Ready to play the perfect conference partner's role: Denis Thatcher

All play, no work?

"The modern conference resembles the pilgrimage of medieval Christendom in that it allows the participants to indulge themselves in all the pleasures and diversions of travel while appearing to be austerely bent on self-improvement."

David Lodge wrote these words three years ago, in his book *Small World*, long before "Gorgeous" George Galloway, waging his own personal war against want, made headlines with his Greek island conference capers. Today, Lodge, whose book was inspired by academic gatherings in Zurich and Israel in 1979, says that while conferences can be sober and restrained and slightly dull, "some people may go slightly crazy – particularly if it's their first time at a major conference. There's a great feeling of euphoria".

Galloway made news because of who he is and the manner in which he chose to highlight the double meaning of congress.

But absent-minded professors, clean-cut chartered accountants and supposedly quiet librarians may also lose lifelong inhibitions when they go away for a conference, course, convention or other professionally sanctioned junket at home or abroad. Despite economies and redundancies, international conference business is booming. Glistening new centres are springing up all over the world. And for the aspiring young professional, conferences are one of the quickest ways to become established. Getting invited is a coup, having to pay your own way can be worth it for the long-term returns, but being asked to bring your partner means you have really made it.

Wives are the ultimate status symbol in the still predominantly masculine conference world. "Is that the wife, then?" chuckled a man my husband introduced me to at a recent conference in Brighton, giving me a proprietary once-over and him a knowing nudge. "She's better than the one you had last time!"

Such badinage is common at conferences and sexual innuendo runs riot. "The Tories are the worst lot," a loquacious, Labour-voting, Brighton cab driver volunteered. "First they say: 'Find me a restaurant', then it's 'Find me a woman'. All except for the top table, of course, the senior people – Cabinet ministers and such. They bring their wives to show they're above all that."

The sort of conference that encourages spouses to attend is usually fairly high in the pecking order to begin with, and whether officially invited or brought along at her own or her husband's instigation, the wife serves several functions. As the taxi driver so shrewdly observed, Caesar's wife must be above suspicion and, by association, should keep him that way too. The bigwigs with big reputations to protect bring their wives with them to *appear* impregnable on that front at least.

"It's only the gentlemen with the *dishy wives who bring them along*," said one of the attractive young receptionists in Birmingham's Metropole Hotel, built as a luxury conference facility for the National *Exhibition Centre. "They like to show* them off."

"Them and the big bosses who buy the big suites to entertain in," chimed in her colleague. But it only costs £9 more on the £64 price of a single room to bring "the wife" along to the Metropole, and if a lady is suspected to have spent the night unannounced, *the gentleman will find the additional* cost discreetly added on to his bill. "No one's refused to pay it yet."

A Swedish engineer, at the Metropole for a design engineering conference last week, suggested in stilted English: "The older men bring *their wives, the younger ones travel* on their own to be more efficient, and the middle ones, like me, bring their wives only when it's worth the effort."

Birmingham obviously wasn't. There were no wives brought by any of the other delegates.

The official line was that conferences were jolly hard work, and they wouldn't have had time to talk to their wives, even if they could have afforded to bring them. "If there is any of the kind of thing you read about at conferences happening here, I'm certainly not getting any," grumbled one disgruntled delegate.

Only very occasionally will female delegates bring their husbands along, because not many men have the professional or temperamental security, it seems, to play Denis Thatcher's supporting role. But a surgeon who regularly attends international congresses on gastroenterology says that often he and his colleagues have escaped on to the ladies' bus for a day out.

"At the last BMA conference in Cairo everyone got dysentery," he remembered with a shudder. "Not *everybody*," said Jill Draper, annual meetings officer of the BMA.

At the BMA clinical congress in Kuala Lumpur in October, 650 delegates and their spouses will be attending.

They will be spending 10 days at the luxurious Shangri-La Hotel for a package price of £695 each. "Almost everyone is bringing a partner," Draper said. "Last time the doctors got fed up with being inside all the time, so we have arranged the schedule this year so that everyone will be free after lunch for sightseeing together."

Jane Moyle, whose Heart of England Country Tours caters primarily for conferences, says that 85 per cent of that business now consists of " 'partners' programmes', as the new jargon is, rather than 'ladies' programmes' as we used to call them. We get five or six male partners, maybe, plus a few female ones who may not necessarily be wives; we don't investigate our customers' private lives."

Jane Prior, wife of Jim Prior, remembers her "25 years on the trot" as a conference wife with mixed emotion. "Things are much more relaxed now at political conferences, but when I was young and shy and Jim was new to the House, I used to worry terribly about what I'd wear."

Mrs Prior, now on the board of Tate & Lyle and formerly on that of the TSB, adds that when she has to go to conferences in her own right her husband does not go too. "I think he *feels he's been to enough," she said* wryly.

Although Lodge, who is enjoying early retirement with the title of Honorary Professor of Modern English Literature at Birmingham University, sighs that the golden age of *conference-going is over, he feels* that it is still possible to see the world on expenses if you are clever. But, he adds, "I guess that the Aids scare is going to make a difference to the *socio-sexuality of conferences."*

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Look who's wearing the designer trousers

Tommy Hilfiger (left), the latest star of American menswear, is a favourite with stylish women too

Ralph Lauren did it first, of course. You create a line of menswear classics; perfect the cut, polish up the detailing, use cloth that is only the best. Men buy it. But before you can even instruct your factories to switch the buttonholes from left to right, women start wearing it, too. The newest international fashion name to be made this way is Tommy Hilfiger, who is over here this week for the official opening of the first Hilfiger shop in South Molton Street, London's smartest little shopping mall.

Serious fashion folk in the States are fussed about the idea. All it takes, they sniff, is some sharp marketing plus a rich and powerful backer, and the man becomes a design star. Hilfiger, the man behind New York's newest fashion label, certainly *was* up and running, with a $3 million barrage of glossy advertising, 10 second television commercials and street boardings long before he had taken even a few steps into the market *last year with his first clothes* designs. But Seventh Avenue's harridans have since been forced to admit that a name can indeed be made, *and a sizeable $70 million* empire built, in a day. Well, in 18 months. . .

Hilfiger is no Christian Lacroix. He would not know how to cut a toile, nor does he need to. He skipped college at 18 to buy and sell bell-bottom jeans and his fashion grounding has been in the fast tracks of the jeans retailing business in the 15 years ever since. No diploma is given for his single design credential, good taste.

He is another designer who rifles our own indigenous style. He describes it as East Coast Ivy League which is just as at home in Paris or London. Shirts are given names like Harrow and Eton, as well as Harvard. A crew-neck sweater is a Cambridge. An obsessive anglophile, his wife Susan is about to open a children's clothes shop in Greenwich, Connecticut, called Beauchamp Place.

Hilfiger's line is hardly revolutionary stuff. But his response to critics who taunt him about being more of a businessman than a designer is sharp. He points to the results. His clothes now sell in 200 stores and six Hilfiger *shops* (there will be 11 by December 1) across the States, with another in Osaka. "The Brooks Brothers customer wants something new. My stuff is less expensive, and the quality is grade A," he insists. Harvey Nichols in London had already tested the water here for his style last season.

Hilfiger designs for women are already available in America, and are promised here next year. "I will continue to build my niche," he says. Bright colours like fuchsia, *scarlet and mustard* are added this season to American classics. Stadium coats in bright melton, jade loden cloth worn with regimental *stripes*, tiny tartan kilts all contrive to sharpen up his classics. Cashmere and other luxury fabrics will be used. "I provide the fashion details," Hilfiger says.

Liz Smith

Hilfiger's style, photographed by Eamonn McCabe

A wealthy obsession

It used to be shaming to be rich, but no longer, notes Alice Thomas Ellis

Suddenly everyone is talking about money. I find this not so much vulgar as boring, because talk of money means *figures and sums* and I am innumerate. It is quite interesting to learn that the Queen is the fifth richest person in the world, but in the *end you find yourself muttering*: so what? It doesn't really mean anything. I am only momentarily diverted to learn that the Sultan of Brunei is *worth $25 billion, because* what can he do with it?

It must necessarily be sitting in the bank, and I don't suppose he even takes it out to play with or to look at, or to roll around in like the duck in *the cartoon I saw the other day* crying: "I'm rich, I'm comfortably off, I'm socially secure", and jumping up and down in the doubloons.

Money in the bank has not the romantic appeal of the chests of jewels and pieces of eight of the pirate hoard. The romance has gone out of it and *it is now a matter of columns* of figures and share portfolios and numbered bank accounts.

It is also now quite respectable to be stinking *nouveau riche* and Mr and Mrs Bott would be accepted anywhere, their accents and their cocktail cabinet having ceased to matter. *It has always been socially* acceptable to be quietly wealthy, of course, but now it is all right to talk about it. How different from the days when my husband was a lad. He went one holiday to stay with a prep school friend whose parents' house boasted a swimming pool and was implored by his friend, shamefaced and speaking in a whisper, not to pass the word round in the school, not to let anyone know that he was rich.

Then there was the lady whose son was eligible for the school's charity foundation (like my husband). She hired a Rolls-Royce and driver on the day of the examination to impress the staff. It was quite difficult to get it right in those days. You had to have lots of "old money" in order to wear your poverty with dignity. The shabbily genteel still demanded respect from the world around them and usually got it: "You can tell she's a lady by the darn in her stocking". This is so no longer.

Admittedly we are told that the Queen *runs round the* palace turning off the electric light, but then she's in a position to do that sort of thing if she wishes and no one is going to despise her for it. The rest of the population is into what I believe is known as "conspicuous consumerism" and leaves its lights on all night, not to mention its burglar alarm, while the Porsche sits outside the door under the carriage lamp.

You had to have lots of 'old money' to wear poverty with dignity

I learn from John Rae in Monday's *Times* that he approves of bribing children not to smoke and knows of one boy who has been promised a *Porsche at 21 if he keeps off* the habit until then. I too am in favour of bribery. Not, naturally, the sort which villains offer to the law and *which is known as* " 'aving a drink", but the gentle type which can better be described as bargaining.

Dr Rae says that apart from the Porsche the going rate of bribery among the affluent boys is between £500 and £1,000. I know a number of *boys at the school of which he* speaks. All delightful, mostly smokers and some determined to buy their own Porsche by the age of 21 even *if they have previously spent* all their pocket money on packets of Marlboro.

Perhaps, after all, it was easier when there was less money about and the young had to save up to buy 10 Woodbines. Not many parents handed out motor cars *then. If they could afford a* Morris Minor they kept it for themselves.

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Value in volumes

Echoing the trend in America for telephone directory-thick magazines (their September issue of *Vogue* boasts 822 pages, weighing in at just over 3lb), *this autumn sees record-*breaking issue sizes for British glossies, too, at no extra cost. British *Vogue* numbers 524 pages, 276 for *Homes & Gardens*, 292 for *Options*, 366 for *Elle* and 432 for *Harpers & Queen* – whose editor, Nicholas Coleridge, denies that such massive tomes are unwieldy:

"We just think it represents good value for money – the three autumn issues of *Harpers* added together contain more reading matter than *War and Peace*. I suppose it would be *inadvisable to read them in* the bath, however, for fear of being dragged under." In America, of course, that would be grounds for litigation.

Snow business

With hordes of the upwardly-mobile succumbing to the attractions of life on the piste, this Saturday the specialist ski *shop Snow & Rock will open a* third branch in the City (150 Holborn, London EC1) which, once a week, will throw open its doors at 7.30am (and close *12 hours later). Mike Brown*, the director, will be laying on freshly-brewed coffee and newspapers, "so that customers can gen-up on the financial pages while they're being fitted".

Quote me . . .

"Looking back, I realize that if I had been living with a man all along, I wouldn't be an MP now. I think the conflict between the kind of attention most men's egos require and the work that I had to put into becoming an MP would have proved too great." ***Diane Abbot***

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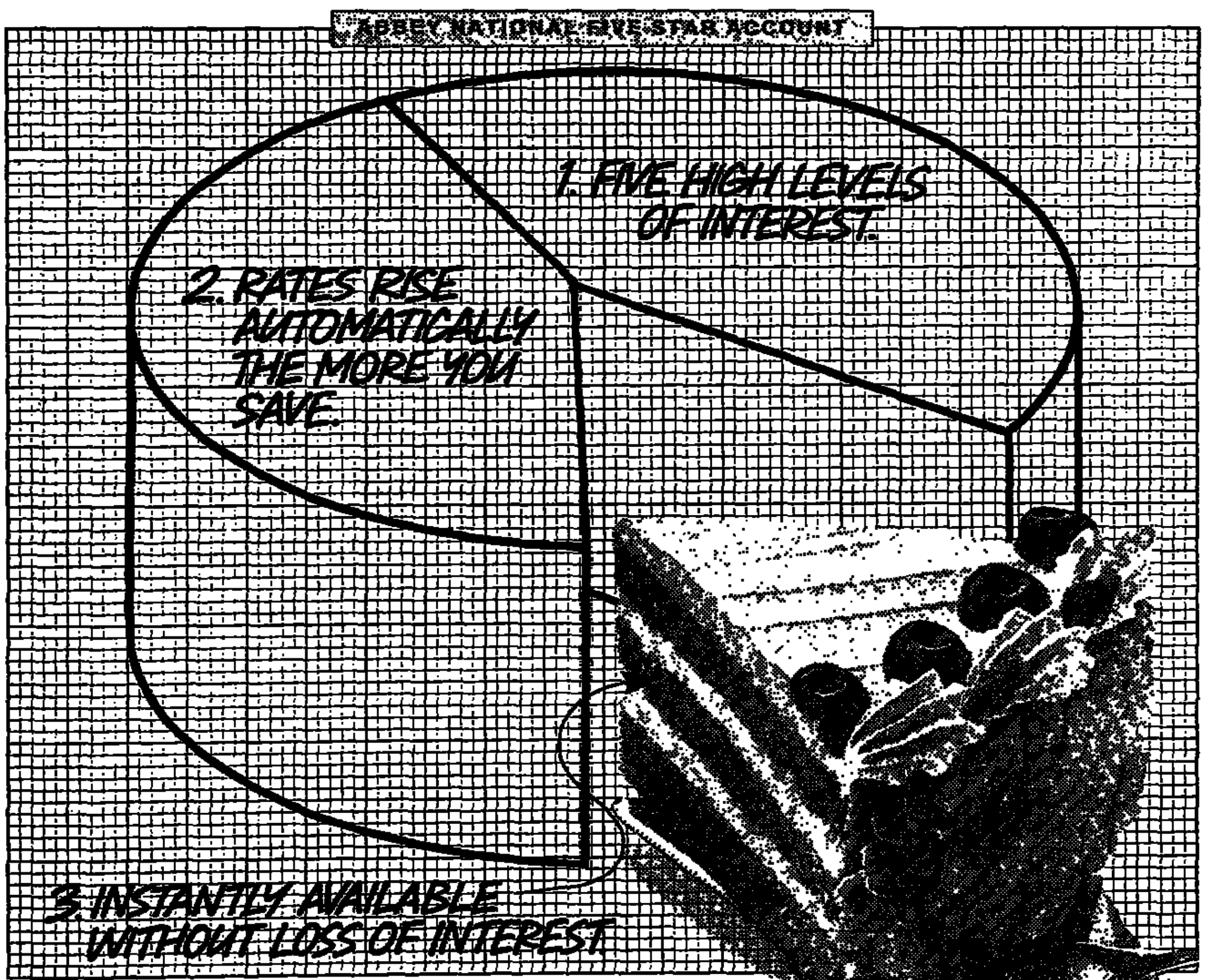
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☆ **AMBULANCE:** Tough drama conveying the plight of London's drop-outs. With Patti Love, Julia Swift.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, mat Sat 3.30-5.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:** Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom drama.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats *Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm*, £5-£13.50.

☆ **THE BIG KNIFE:** Clifford Odets operates on the Hollywood system. With Martin Shaw, Gayle Hunnicutt.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £3.50-£11.50.

☆ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of *emotion*. Julie Covington joins the cast in an NT transfer.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-379 6233). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £3.50-£13.50.

☆ **CORPSE:** Colin Baker and Jack Watling in twisty thriller of murder, money and identical twins.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden/Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-*10.10pm*, mats *Wed 3-5.10pm and* Sat 5-7.10pm, £3.50-£13.50.

☆ **DIARY OF A SOMEBODY:** The private life of Joe Orton: funny, clever, painful and rough.
Boulevard Theatre, Walker Court, Brewer Street, W1 (01-437 2661). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £6.50-£10.50.

☆ **GROUCHO: A LIFE IN REVUE:** Frank Ferrante in musical entertainment about the man with the cork moustache.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, £4-£12.50.

☆ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter. Good performances.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

☆ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Donald Sinden's starry production re-opens a theatre long *lost to television. Dame Wendy* Hiller is appalled by the handbag.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm. Mats Wed 3-5.30pm. Sat 5-7.30pm. £6.50-£12.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward *Theatre (01-734 8951)*... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 *7913/4)*... ★ ***Les Misérables:*** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443).. ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre *(01-930 3216)*... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHESTER: ☆ ***Made in Bangkok:*** Anthony Minghella's eye-opening drama of the effects of oriental sex on western tourists. Not for the easily offended.
Gateway Theatre, Hamilton Place (0244 40393), Tues-Thurs 7.45pm, *Fri* and Sat 8pm, £3-£5.50.

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Miranda:** Clever woman outwits greedy councillors; Penelope Keith in feeble comedy.
Festival Theatre, Chichester (0243 781312). 7.30pm, £5.75-£11.50.

LEATHERHEAD: ☆ **Party Piece:** New Richard Harris comedy with Peggy Mount nosing in on her *upwardly-mobile* party-giving neighbours.
Thorndike Theatre, Church Street (0372 377677). Mon, Tues and Thurs 7.30pm, Wed and Fri 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, £5-£7.20.

LEICESTER: ☆ **You Strike the Woman, You Strike The Rock:** Market Theatre of Johannesburg touring with play about scraping a living in South Africa.
Haymarket Studio Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, £3.50.

PLYMOUTH: ☆ **Widow's Weeds:** New Anthony Shaffer blackish *comedy set in the world of TV ads.*
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (0752 669595). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat eve 8pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £3.50-£7.

SCARBOROUGH: ☆ ***Henceforward:*** Premiere of Alan Ayckbourn's 34th play.
Stephen Joseph Theatre-in-the Round, Scarborough (0723 370541). Tonight 8-10.15pm, £4.50.

WATFORD: ☆ **Everything In The Garden:** Paula Wilcox in revival of Giles Cooper's sharp-edged comedy about how suburban wives make ends meet.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road, Watford (0923 225671). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £2.25-£8.25.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**Never Gonna Give You Up**, Rick Astley	RCA
2	(2)	**Pump Up the Volume**, MARRS	4AD
3	(6)	**Some People**, *Cliff Richard*	*EMI*
4	(7)	**Causing a Commotion**, Madonna	Sire
5	(–)	**Bad**, Michael Jackson	Epic
6	(4)	**Heart and Soul**, T'Pau	Siren/Virgin
7	(3)	**Wipeout**, Fat Boys & The Beach Boys	Urban/Polydor
8	(12)	**House Nation**, The House Master Boyz *& The Rude Boy of House*	Magnetic Dance
9	(20)	**Hey Matthew**, Karel Fialka	IRS/MCA
10	(11)	**It's Over**, Level 42	Polydor

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Bad**, Michael Jackson	Epic
2	(–)	**Dancing with Strangers**, Chris Rea	Magnet
3	(–)	**Wonderful Life**, Black	A & M
4	(2)	**Actually**, Pet Shop Boys	Parlophone
5	(–)	**Always Guaranteed**, Cliff Richard	EMI
6	(3)	**A Momentary Lapse of Reason**, Pink Floyd	EMI
7	(–)	**Between the Lines**, Five Star	Tent/RCA
8	(4)	**Changing Faces — the very best of**, 10cc & Godley and Creme	PROTV/Polygram
9	(–)	**The Creme of Eric Clapton**, Eric Clapton	Polydor
10	(5)	**The Joshua Tree**, U2	Island

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☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 12.45, 3.25, 6.05, 8.45.

■ ***BLIND DATE*** **(15):** Blake Edwards's fast-moving comedy with Bruce Willis as the straight businessman taken for a ride by crazy Kim Basinger (95 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.30.
Cannon Chelsea *(01-352 5096).* Progs 2.45, 5.45, 8.50.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.35.
☎ **Odeon High Street Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.15, 8.45.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.40.

■ **BLUE VELVET (18):** David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. Isabella Rossellini is the local siren, Dennis Hopper evil incarnate and Kyle MacLachlan a wholesome hero (120 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3671). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 5.45, 8.20.

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil *(Marlee Matlin) (113 min).*
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

FULL METAL JACKET (18): Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed *Vietnam drama, following* Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. *Platoon* may have taken the edge off some of the material, but Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still unbeatable (115 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45.
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☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

■ **HAMBURGER HILL (15):** The *bloody story of an inexperienced* young platoon in Vietnam. Directed by John Irvin with a deliberately unstarry cast (118 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** *(01-836 6279). Progs 1.00, 3.25,* 5.50, 8.25.

■ **LETHAL WEAPON (18):** Confused but glossily packaged thriller in praise of violence and revenge, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as warring detectives, both Vietnam veterans, pursuing drug smuggler Gary Busey. Richard Donner directs (109 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.35.
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☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

MISS MARY (15): Julie Christie plays the title role — a prim English governess with inner frustrations, *hired to educate the children on a* prosperous Argentine farm in 1938. English puritanism inevitably clashes with Spanish sensuality. Handsomely mounted drama from the Argentine director Maria Luisa Bemberg (100 min).
Curzon Phoenix *(01-240 9661).* Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **RADIO DAYS (PG):** Woody Allen's delicate tapestry of Brooklyn families, broadcasters and Manhattanites sharing hopes *and dreams at the end of the* 1930s. With *Mia* Farrow, Dianne Wiest and Seth Green (89 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.50, 9.00
☎ **Cannon Panton Street** (01-930 0631). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30.
☎ **Odeon High Street Kensington** *(01-602 6644).* Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.50, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.45.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.05.

Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas are at the centre of the pianist's repertoire and tonight, at St John's, Edith Fischer (above) begins a series of seven recitals that will include them all. She was born into a musical family in Santiago, Chile, and after instruction from her mother was awarded a scholarship to study in New York with her fellow Chilean Claudio Arrau. She has won the Dinu Lipatti Prize, the Munich International Competition, and she has taken part in major festivals at Paris, Salzburg and Montreux. The distinguished conductor Hermann Scherchen presided at her first orchestral appearance and she later gave concerto performances under Erich Kleiber, Barbirolli and others. Edith Fischer has directed masterclasses at the Yehudi Menuhin Academy in Gstaad and the International Academy for Chamber Music in Blonay. She has performed this complete Beethoven cycle in Paris and the main Swiss cities, but this is her first performance of it in London. The sonata sequence itself contains as many peaks as the Himalayas, but one should mention the "Appassionata" tonight, "Les Adieux" and the "Pastorale" on October 1, the "Waldstein" on October 8 and — Everest itself — the "Hammerklavier" on October 15. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), starting tonight, 7.30pm, £3-£6. ***Max Harrison***

OPERA

☆ **LA BOHEME:** See caption.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£70.

☆ **PACIFIC OVERTURES:** British premiere of Steven Sondheim's opera based on the activity of American warships in Japan in the 1850s. James Holmes conducts an all-male cast in this Kabuki-style *satire from Broadway.*
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.50pm, £2-£21.50.

The Royal Opera House at Covent Garden begins its belated new season tonight (see listing), after a settlement of the recent chorus dispute, with Puccini's ***La Bohème*** **produced by John Copley. Giuseppe Patanè (above) conducts a cast headed by Ilona Tokody in the role of Mimi. Her lover, Rodolfo, is sung by Luis Lima for the first time in London. Italian baritone Paolo Coni also makes his London debut as Marcello. On Friday Patanè will be conducting** ***Falstaff*** **when he replaces Jeffrey Tate, who is ill.**

DANCE

☆ **LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Ashton's romantic comedy danced by Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
The Big Top, Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent (0622 35203), 7.30-9.45pm, mat 2-4.15pm, £4-£10.50.

☆ **LA SYLPHIDE:** New production for London City Ballet of Bournonville's famous romantic ballet, together with the *Nutcracker* duet and Galina Samsova's staging of dances from *Laurencia*.
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells (0892 30613), 7.30-10pm, £4.50-£5.50.

☆ **PULCINELLA:** Richard Alston's production of Stravinsky's ballet for Rambert Dance Theatre, with Michael Clark's *Swamp* and Lynn Seymour's *Wolfi*.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 65065) 7.30-10pm, mat 2.30-4pm, £6-10.50.

JAZZ

☆ **WOODY SHAW:** A sort of amalgam of post-bop trumpet styles, Shaw is an infrequent but welcome visitor from his New York base.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £4.50.

☆ **AFRO-CUBA:** The latest instalment in Frith Street's stimulating London-Havana cultural exchange programme.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30*pm, £10 (£2 members).*

ROCK

☆ **DAVID ESSEX:** The one-time teen idol and matinee star now has over a decade of hits at his disposal.
Hull City Hall, Victoria Square (0482 226655), 7.30pm, £6.50-£8.50.

☆ **NEW MODEL ARMY:** The post-punk trio, with a fierce commitment to rock music as an instrument of romantic idealism, promotes the "White Coats" EP.
International 2, 210 Plymouth Grove, Manchester (061 224 5050), 7.30pm, £4.50.

★ **SQUEEZE:** The Deptford dodgers are back in the spotlight after an extended stretch in the doldrums.
Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30pm, £6-£7.

☆ ***JOHN MARTYN:*** The Glaswegian singer/songwriter carries a baffling variety of musical batons.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 261 2606), 7.30pm, £5.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ ***HUTCHINSON MIXTURE:*** A mixed bag from the pianist Paul Hutchinson, including the Bach-Hess *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, a nocturne, étude and waltz by Chopin, and Brahms's Rhapsody Op 79 No 2.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **BRITISH QUARTETS:** In a concert marking Elisabeth Maconchy's 80th birthday, the Brindisi Quartet play her Quartet No 10, her daughter Nicola LeFanu's Clarinet Quintet (with *Damaris Wollen) and Britten's* Quartet No 2.
Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (072 885 3543), 6.15-7.30pm, £2.50-£3.50.

☆ **LONDON GROUP:** The Music Group of London performs Beethoven's Piano Trio Op 70 No 1 "The Ghost", Schubert's Trio D 898 and Frank Bridge's Phantasie Trio.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **TWO OCTETS:** Schubert's Octet D 803 and Mendelssohn's Octet Op 20 are heard from the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields' Chamber Ensemble.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£7.

GALLERIES

ARTIST AS MODEL: Seymour Haden, Augustus John and Graham Sutherland feature in an exhibition of self-portrait prints and those depicting other artists and friends.
Garton & Cooke, *39 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 2820)*, Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, *until* Oct 16.

JOHN BELLANY: A new suite of screenprints and etchings based on Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*.
Nigel Greenwood Gallery, 4 New Burlington Street, London W1 (01-434 3795), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10.30am-1.30pm, free, until Sat.

JILL MCMANNERS: *Sculptures and drawings inspired by the* changeable weather conditions in the Hebrides where this artist lives.
Thos Agnew & Son, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 6176), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Oct 16.

MICHEL LEVY AND JOSETTE RISPAL: Figurative bronze sculptures by two young French artists.
Wylma Wayne Gallery, 17 Old Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 4511), Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, free, until Oct 9.

CARLOS NADAL: Colourful Mediterranean paintings by a *French artist who worked for a time* in Zadkine's Paris studio.
The Solomon Gallery, 10 Dover Street, London W1 (01-499 4701), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free, until Oct 17.

JEEZ, NOT ANOTHER JACKSON POLLOCK: Work by students who gained first class honours degrees in Fine Art this year from the London Institute.
London Institute Gallery, 388-396 Oxford Street (entrance in Bird Street), London W1 (01-491 8533), Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, free, until Oct 23.

BORIS SMIRNOFF (1894-1976): A retrospective of celebrity portraits — Mitchum, Crawford, Flynn, Hayworth etc — and other works, by an émigré who settled near Nice.
Oliver Swann Galleries, 170 Walton Street, London SW3 (01-584 8684), daily 10am-6pm, free, until Sat.

WILL MACLEAN: Sculptures by a young Scottish artist who features in "The Vigorous Imagination" at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh.
Claus Runkel Fine Art, 97 Cambridge Street, London SW1 (01-821 5861), free, until Nov 14.

OTHER EVENTS

THE WAY WE WED: Exhibition of wedding dresses and accessories *1840-1986, including celebrity* clothes, dresses made for television productions and a 1:12 wedding day doll's house. Also today at 7.45pm, fashion show of contemporary bridal wear. Proceeds to Save the Children fund.
The Guildhall, Worcester. Today, tommorrow 10am-4.30pm. Adult £1, child 50p. Fashion show tonight £5.

DOG CARTOONIST OF THE YEAR ***AWARD:*** *Two-day exhibition of* cartoons featuring man's best friend in all his guises, in aid of the National Canine Defence League. Cartoons for sale include works by Shultz, Maddox, Larry, Brad Anderson and Graham.
Empire Suite, Tottenham Court Road, London W1. Today, tomorrow 10am-7pm. Free.

FROME CHEESE SHOW: Annual one-day agricultural show with food and horticulture, poultry, local produce, dog show, *handicrafts*, displays and exhibitions.
The Showfield, Frome, Somerset. Early morning onwards. Adult £3, child £2.

SOTHEBY'S STATUES IN A ***GARDEN:*** *Bi-annual sale* of statues, fountains, urns, sundials, gates, garden furniture and even a barn.
Sotheby's, Summers Place, Billingshurst, Sussex (040381 3933). Sale today, tomorrow 10am.

PICTURES, FURNITURE AND SILVER: PROPERTY OF DISTILLERS PLC: Sale auction of items from the London offices of some of the most famous distilling houses in the world including Distillers, Dewars, Buchanans, Johnny Walker. Boardroom furniture, sporting paintings, George III silver.
Christies, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-581 7611). Today 12 noon.

ARDINGLY ANTIQUES AND COLLECTORS FAIR: One of the biggest bi-annual antique fairs in the South-East with an enormous range of items for sale.
The Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex. 7.30am-4pm. Admission 7.30am-9am £2, after 9am £1.

FLIGHT SIMULATION AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY: R. C. Whittington explains the flight simulator at Great Gidding Primary School which can measure in-flight navigational accuracy to within one kilometre anywhere over Europe. It also teaches children about *weather, radio procedure,* time/distance calculations and transponder codes. History and application in the classroom environment will be explored.
Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1 (01-499 3515), 6pm. Free.

WALKS

A JOURNEY THROUGH ***DICKENS'S LONDON:*** meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

LEGAL LONDON — INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK — FLEET STREET: *meet* St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

GUIDED WALK IN RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES: meet Tourist Information Centre, Old Town Hall, 2.30pm, 50p.

ARTISTIC, LITERARY AND HISTORICAL HAMPSTEAD: meet Hampstead tube, 10.30am and 2.30pm, £2.50.

TUDOR AND ELIZABETHAN ***LONDON:*** *meet Museum of* London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

COLOURFUL SAUCY SOHO: meet Covent Garden tube, 7pm, £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

MICHAEL CLARK AND COMPANY: Only London appearance this year, in special Christmas show featuring *live rock band*, elaborate stage settings, and costumes designed by young fashion stars. Dec 16-Jan 2. Postal booking opens today. Phone/personal booking from Oct 7.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, *London EC1* (01-278 8916), (01-240 7200 credit card), (01-278 0855 information).

MENDELSSOHN AND 20th-CENTURY HUNGARIAN SERIES: November concerts include three solo piano recitals by Nigel Hill, Jonathan Plowright and Nicola Meecham. Works by Bartók, Kodály, Haydn, Mendelssohn.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance postal booking now open. General booking from Oct 6/7.

CHELTENHAM LUNCHTIME RECITALS: Autumn programme includes Alma Trio, Canina recorders. Malcolm Pritchard with Alex Allen, and David Ponsford with Jacqueline Ross, in Town Hall *Drawing Room; also organ recital* by Ian Higginson in Christ Church. Wednesdays, 1.05pm.
Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham (0242 523690).

LAST CHANCE

CONTEMPORARY JAPANESE STAGE DESIGN: Japanese stage *designs* that were part of Japanese entry for 1987 Prague Quadrennial, to coincide with visit to National Theatre of Ninagawa Company from Tokyo. Ends Sat.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2033).

ARTISTS AGAINST RACISM: Photographs and paintings *showing racist attitudes, including* Enid Blyton illustrations, a montage tracing the history of the golliwog from children's doll to *marmalade* label, and powerful pictures of Dorothy Sinister and Paul Donnelly.
St Pancras Library, Euston Road, London NW1 (01-278 444). Ends this weekend.

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 19TF 729704 (the winner lives in Lancashire); £50,000: 8ML 288536 (Cheshire); £25,000: 9GK 288503 (London Borough of *Ealing*).

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

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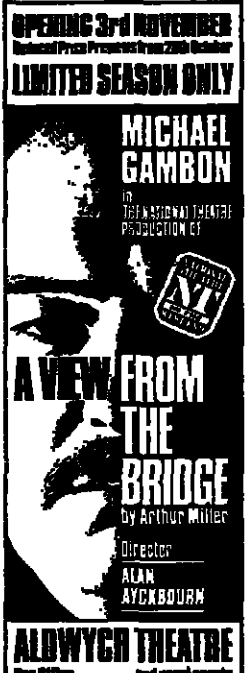

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.35 Leon Errol in Deal Me In (b/w) **6.55** Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Paxman and Pamela Armstrong. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.

8.40 Open Air. Bob Wellings listens to viewers' comments on last night's television programmes. To take part ring 061-814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather **9.05** Neighbours (r). **9.25** Comic Roots. Irene Handl talks about her early life (r).

10.00 News and weather **10.05** The Flintstones **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday messages followed by Play School presented by Mike Amatt and Liz Watts.

10.55 Five to Eleven. Cyril Shaps with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Sheriff Hoot Kloot. Cartoon **11.10** Dallas. Clayton has problems now that Sue Ellen has hit the bottle again (r).

12.00 News and weather **12.05** Open Air. Programme makers meet their critics. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock Nes and weather **1.30** Neighbours. Lucy blames Zoe when Paul leaves home after a family row **1.50** Knots Landing. A new series begins with the press surrounding the Ewing home and Gary pleading "not guilty" to murdering Ciji.

2.40 Valerie. The first of a new series of the domestic comedy starring Valerie Harper **3.05** Make 'em Laugh. Mark Curry introduces clips from vintage film comedies made in and around houses (r).

3.25 Gardeners' Direct Line. Green-fingered advice from Geoffrey Smith and Dr Stefan Buczacki. To take part ring Leeds (0532) 446222 between 11.30am and 2.30pm.

3.50 Caterpillar Trail. Stuart Bradley visits Windsor Safari Park **4.10** Wacky Races. Cartoons (r). **4.20** Beat the Teacher. Quiz game. **4.35** Hartbeat. Tony Hart's guide to the art of making pictures. (Ceefax)

5.00 Newsround **5.10** Colour in the Creek. The final episode of the adventure serial set in the Australian goldfields (r). **5.35** Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.

6.00 Six O'Clock News and weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. The guests include Sir Roy Strong and Bamber Gascoigne.

7.35 The Muppet Show. The guest is Sylvester Stallone.

8.00 Bergerac. The Jersey detective is on the trail of a gang of young thieves who stole a briefcase containing exclusive fashion designs and then finds himself looking for the designer's daughter and her nanny who have disappeared (r). (Ceefax)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News, regional news and weather.

9.30 Once a Soldier. A documentary following the fortunes of three soldiers, two paratroopers and a Welsh Guardsman, who each lost a leg while serving in the Falklands five years ago. Written and narrated by Michael Dean. (Ceefax)

10.20 Film: Rough Cut (1980) starring Burt Reynolds, David Niven and Lesley-Anne Down. Comedy about a Scotland Yard detective, about to retire, who has the chance of nailing the jewel thief who has been eluding him for most of his career. Directed by Don Siegel.

12.10 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.

7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55**. After Nine includes a discussion on migraine, with advice for sufferers.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Chain Letters. Word game presented by Jeremy Beadle **10.00** Santa Barbara. Another episode of the unspeakable American soap **10.25** News headlines **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Live discussion on rape, presented by Mike Scott in Middlesbrough.

11.10 Allsorts. For the young (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** Getting On visits the Cotswold village of Stanway where an over-50s cricket is in progress. Among the spectators are E.W.Swanton and former England players R.E.S. Wyatt and Charles Barnett. **12.00** The Sullivans.

12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news.

1.00 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a rural Australian township **2.00** Heirloom. English porcelain is this week's subject **2.30** Frocks on the Box. Fashion series **3.00** Take the High Road. Sam Scanlon keeps the men of the village hard at work **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Pondles **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin **4.20** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin **4.45** Hold Tight! with Barbie Wilde and Graham Stark.

5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game.

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.

6.25 Help. Details of the first National Women's Video Festival.

6.35 Crossroads.

7.00 Where There's Life. Miriam Stoppard joins Californian plastic surgeon Larry Berkowitz as he spends a week repairing the faces of children in Central America.

7.30 Coronation Street. Alec is nervous as Bet throws herself whole-heartedly into the role of housewife. (Oracle)

8.00 Slinger's Day. Comedy series starring Bruce Forsyth as the manager of a supermarket. (Oracle)

8.30 Ffizz. Jack and Hugo begin to worry when Alan begins interviews to find a new secretary.

9.00 Taggart. Episode three and Taggart and Jardine discover the fingerprints of a dead man on a murder weapon. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. Football: news of tonight's Littlewoods Cup matches; Snooker: a profile of 18-year-old Stephen Hendry.

11.50 Film: The Wild Geese (1978) starring Richard Burton. Drama about a group of experienced mercenaries hired for a three hour mission that could change the fate of an African nation. Directed by Andrew V McLaglen.

2.30 News headlines followed by WKRP in Cincinnati. American comedy series.

3.00 Film: Taste the Blood of Dracula (1969) starring Christopher Lee as Dracula, coming to the aid of a depraved Lord Courtley. Directed by Peter Sasdy.

4.35 Fifty Years On. Newsreels from the archives.

5.00 ITN World News with John Suchet.

5.30 CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00**.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Education – a Second Chance. Ends at **7.20**.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.43 Daytime on Two: life in a Spanish village and a provincial capital **10.00** For four- and five-year olds **10.15** Fruit **10.38** Children talk about living in a Perth suburb **11.00** Words and pictures **11.18** Maths investigation

11.40 The physics of pedal power **12.05** Japanese-style factory production **12.28** Lifeschool **12.50** Making home movies **1.20** The Flumps (r). **1.38** Viking raids on Britain **2.00** News and weather **2.02** Storytime for the young.

2.25 40 Years at the ICA. Mentioned in Despatches, the work of Vietnam War photographer Tim Page.

3.00 News and weather followed by 40 Years at the ICA: Writers at the ICA.

3.50 News and weather.

4.00 Championship Darts. Highlights of the Unipart British Professional Championship second round matches played last night.

4.40 40 Years at the ICA. Two early 70s films about exhibitions at the ICA that caused controversy.

5.30 Gardeners' World (r).

6.00 Film: GI Blues (1960) starring Elvis Presley and Juliet Prowse. A fictionalized account of Presley's life as a GI in West Germany. Directed by Norman Taurog.

7.40 The Victorian Kitchen Garden. The second of 13 programmes charting the restoration of a walled garden. (Ceefax)

8.10 Bookmark. (see Choice)

9.00 M*A*S*H. Frank and Hot Lips commission a present for Colonel Potter (r).

9.25 ScreenPlay: Christine. A drama, starring Vicky Murdock, about teenage heroin addicts who live in respectable suburbia with their unsuspecting parents.

10.20 Championship Darts. The last of the second round matches.

10.50 Newsnight **11.35** Weather.

11.40 Championship Darts.

12.10 Open University: Maths – Complex Analysis **12.35** Maths – Finding One's Bearings. Ends at **1.05**.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.

12.00 Business Daily. Daily business and financial news service.

12.30 Just 4 Fun. For the young. (Oracle)

1.00 Women: The Way Ahead. The first of a new Open College series designed for women who have been home with children and are now returning either to further training or full-time employment. (Oracle)

1.30 Reaching Agreement. A new series exploring the skills needed to communicate effectively.

2.00 Film: The Last Laugh (1924, b/w) A silent German comedy drama starring Emil Jannings as an elderly hotel doorkeeper whose world collapses when he is transferred to a new job. Directed by F.W. Murnau.

3.25 Maitre Cube. A short about a cube shaped man who visits a strange building.

3.30 Film: Urge to Kill (1960, b/w) starring Patrick Barr. Thriller about a mentally retarded youth who is suspected of killing a publican's daughter. Directed by Vernon Sewell.

4.30 The Gong Show.

5.00 Cartoon Carnival.

5.30 I Dream of Jeannie. Vintage American sitcom series starring Barbara Eden and Larry Hagman.

6.00 My World and Welcome to It. Comedy series based on the cartoons and writings of the American humorist, James Thurber.

6.30 A Sense of Place. Ulster poet Tom Paulin returns to his Belfast roots (r).

7.00 Channel 4 news with Nicholas Owen.

7.50 Comment followed by Weather.

8.00 Changing Faces. Part one of a series on the history of the British face. (Oracle)

8.30 Socially Unacceptable. In the fifth of his series Ray Gosling examines changing attitudes to conscientious objectors.

9.00 The Seven Samurai (1954, b/w) Classic Japanese drama about a group of 16th-century samurai warriors who are hired to defend a village against bandits who have been systematically sacking the place. Directed by Akira Kurosawa. Ends at **12.45**.

The myth of Crusoe

Crusoe and Man Friday inspired many writers to take a stab at the castaway story (Bookmark, BBC2, 8.10pm)

TELEVISION CHOICE

● For its new season **Bookmark** (BBC2, 8.10pm) has decided to abandon the magazine format and interviewing authors about their new novels, and instead devote entire programmes to a single subject. In coming months we are promised studies of Chekhov, Protestant writers in Northern Ireland and the process of turning novels into film scripts. Tonight's edition, *Crusoe's Children*, gets the new look off to a splendid start with a many-faceted examination of the myth of Robinson Crusoe. Defoe's novel is not only a best seller in its own right (said to be the world's most popular book after The Bible) but has inspired writer after writer to take their own stab at the Crusoe story. It has also spawned films, from Douglas Fairbanks, Bunuel and others, and Christmas *pantomimes*. *All this* is covered, together with Lucy Irvine of *Castaway* and a TV commercial from dear old Roy Plomley of *Desert Island Discs*. But as Pat Rogers, the English literature professor, shrewdly points out, the modern idea of the tropical island being equated with paradise has nothing to do with Crusoe. He was a humourless, sexless individual who far from *indulging his enforced exile*, spent it working. Not for nothing has *Robinson Crusoe* been called the Bible of the work ethic, though its author was a chronically unsuccessful businessman who died while on the run from creditors. The only quarrel with the programme is that it tries to cram too much in, so that we get fascinating nuggets rather than sustained analysis. But it is a heap better than having authors plug (sorry, talk about) their latest books.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight.
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith s Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Mike Read **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes incl Top 30 Album Review **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00pm** John Peel.
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (See Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **6.50am**
4.00am Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Peter Skellern **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 presented by Jim Lloyd **8.30** Jim MacLeod **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Another Digance Indulgence **10.30** The Music Goes Round and Round at 78 rpm **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Charles Nove **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times GMT. Add an hour for BST.
6.00am Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Development '87 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 My Music 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Spinners and Friends 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Sroccan Down Under 11.25 A Letter From Wales 11.30 Meridian 12.00pm Radio Newsreel 12.15 Verse 12.25 Farming 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Development 87 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Three Wishes 3.30 Summer Lightning 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heute Aktuel 7.00 Outlook 7.39 Stock Market 7.45 Good Books 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Peaceful Solutions 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Counterpoint 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter From Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Write On... 11.30 Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty 12.00am News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Summer Lightning 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 On God's Service 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Peaceful Solutions 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight 3.35 Financial News 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Religion: A Buddhist Testimony

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Morning Concert: Mostly Mozart Orchestra with Arleen Auger (soprano) under Gerard Schwarz (Let the bright Seraphim by Handel); Netherlands Wind Ensemble under Edo de Waart (Mozart Serenade in E flat); RPO with Paul Tortelier (cello) under Yan-Pascal Tortelier (Boellmann Symphonic variations, Op 23); Berlin PO under Lorin Maazel (Overture: Le Carnaval romain, Op 9 by Berlioz) **8.00** News

8.05 Wagner: Prelude – Die Meistersinger arranged and performed by Glenn Gould (piano); Belgrade PO with Nicolai Gedda (tenor) under Gika Zdravkovitch (Lensky's Aria (Eugene Onegin) by Tchaikovsky; Swedish RSO under Esa-Pekka Salonen (Nielsen Symphony No 1 in G minor, Op 7)

9.00 World Service News

9.10 This Week's Composers: Kurt Weill and Hanns Eisler collaborated on several works including Managonny (1927), The Threepenny Opera (1928) and The Seven Deadly Sins (1933)

10.00 Kenneth Sillito and Anthony Goldstone: Violin and piano recital of Beethoven's Sonata in D, Op 12, No 1 and Elgar's Sonata in E minor, Op 82 (r)

10.55 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Performance of Symphony No 30 in C (Alleluja) by Haydn; The Bard, Op 64, by Sibelius; and Symphony in C (Singuliere) by Berwald. Conductor is Howard Williams

11.55 Vorisek: Piano recital by Radoslav Kvapil includes Sonata quasi una fantasia in B flat minor, Op 20

12.30 Off the Beaten Track: Miles Kington introduces some inspired jazz recordings which dispensed with a rhythm section. Includes music by Earl Hines with Joe Venuti and Duke Ellington with Billy Strayhorn (r)

1.00 News

1.05 Concert Hall (new series): (Live) Music by Dietrich Buxtehude and other German contemporaries performed by the Trio Sonnerie

2.00 Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra: Brahms's fourth symphony conducted by Gunter Wand

2.50 Record Review: With Paul Vaughan. Featuring Mussorgsky's Pictures from an Exhibition for piano; plus a review of Lully's opera Atys recorded by William Christie

4.00 Choral Evensong: direct from Wakefield Cathedral. Organist and Master of the Choristers is Jonathan Bielby

5.00 World Service News

5.10 Midweek Choice: Selection of records presented by Donald Macleod includes Nash Ensemble (Berwald Septet in B flat); Artur Rubinstein Symphony of the Air under Alfred Wallenstein (Saint-Saens Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor); Helsingborg SO under Anthony Pappano with Inga Nielsen (soprano) (Mozart excerpts from Don Giovanni); LPO under Myer Fredman (Bax Symphony No 1 in E flat); and NYPO under Richard Rodgers (Richard Rodgers Victory at Sea)

6.55 News

7.00 Natasha: Musical portrait of Tolstoy's heroine, with music from the time of War and Peace and readings from the novel. With Dinah Harris (soprano), Melvyn Tan (fortepiano), Frances Kelly (harp) and Bibs Ekkel (guitar/balalaika). The readers are Alice Krige and John Franklyn-Robbins (r)

7.30 Leeds International Piano Competition: Highlights from the solo recitals of the first five semi-finalists recorded yesterday. Remaining semi-finalists tomorrow at 7.30

8.45 Six Continents: Angus McDermid surveys foreign radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC

9.05 Webern: Chamber music and songs by Webern, Messiaen, Stockhausen and Boulez performed by Jane Manning (soprano), Bruno Canino (piano), Antonio Ballista (piano), Andrew Watkinson (violin) and Timothy Mason (cello). Includes **9.45** Interval reading

10.45 First Night: John Elsom reviews Nick Darke's play Ting Tang Mine starring Di Langford, Lesley Sharp and Robert Glenister currently playing at the National's Cottesloe Theatre in London

10.55 Chamber Music from Manchester (new series): Endellion String Quartet perform two pieces: John Foulds's Three Aquarelles Op 32 and Schubert's Quartet in D minor (Death and the Maiden)

11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Marie Helvin (left) and Muriel Gray (right) with fashion fads and facts in today's Frocks on the Box (ITV, 2.30pm)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 6.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 The Flintstones 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 The Video Picture Show 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 SCOTLAND 11.40am-12.05pm Around Scotland 5.30-6.00 The Beechgrove Garden

ANGLIA As London except 12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 12.50-1.00 News 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 11.50 Film: Play Dirty 2.00am Nashville Swing 2.30-3.00 WKRP in Cincinnati 5.00 America's Top Ten 5.30 Punky Brewster 6.00 Close

BORDER As London except 12.50pm-1.00 News 3.00 Out of Town 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 10.30 Scotsport 11.50 Mary 2.20 Close

CENTRAL As London except 12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Outsiders 6.00-6.35 News 11.50 Film: Walkabout 1.20am UFO 2.30 Portrait of a Legend 2.55 News.

CHANNEL As London except 12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Pin Money 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 Sullivans 3.00 Scribble 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-6.35 World Money 11.50 Bliss in Concert 12.20am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except 12.50pm Granada Reports 1.00-2.00 Blacke's Magic 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.50 America's Top 10 12.20 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except 12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.35 News 11.50 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW As London except 12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 12.50-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.15am Postscript.

TVS As London except 12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.20 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 Sullivans 3.00 Scribble 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25-6.35 Police 5 11.50 Bliss in Concert 12.20am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except 12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 11.50 Message of the Spirituals, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except 12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 3.30-4.00 Bits 'n Pieces 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.35 Ask Anne? 11.50 That's Hollywood 12.15am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except 12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 12.50 News 12.55 Help Yourself 1.00-2.00 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.35 Calendar 11.50 David Cassidy at the Albert Hall 12.45am Jobfinder 1.45 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Schools' Programmes 11.05 Rhaglenni Ysgolion 11.20 Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Gong Show 1.00 Open College 2.00 Silent Classic" 3.30 Old Country 4.00 Mister Ed" 4.30 Flalabalam 4.45 Ba-Afing 5.15 Cartoon 5.45 American Football 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Taro Tant 8.05 O Vaughan i Fynwy 9.05 Kate and Allie 9.35 Tandoori Nights 10.05 Socially Unacceptable 10.35 Sounds of Surprise 12.05am Closedown.

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Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day

8.42 A Cure for Serpents by the Duke of Pirajno (3 of 10). **8.57** Weather; Travel

9.00 News **9.05** Midweek with Libby Purves (s)

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. With Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham, Clay Jones and Daphne Ledward

10.30 Morning Story: Ghost of Honour by Pamela Hansford-Johnson. Read by David Ashford

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Travel; You the Jury (New Series): Should the able-bodied unemployed work for their benefits? (r)

11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow tries to answer your questions

12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Buckley

12.25 Film Star: Alexander Walker recalls the career of James Mason (r) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One **1.40** The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Are the days of women's domestic slavery over? Jenny Cuffe investigates the theory that new industries hold the key to women's liberation. Plus part 7 of Prenez Garde

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: Lost Tune from Rangoon by Hugh Jenkins. Narrated by the author, with Stuart Organ, David Yip and Natasha Pyne (s)

3.47 Time for Verse: Dannie Abse presents seven programmes of poetry about music: (6) Reference Book

4.00 News **4.05** Relative Values: Michael O Donnell explores how shifting social and moral attitudes have affected family life for the Gittesons – some real East Enders (last of the series) (r)

4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Michael Oliver profiles Sir Charles Mackerras, a musician who specializes in seeking out the great works of unusual composers, and who last night conducted the first performance of Bizet's The Pearl Fishers for English National Opera

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 News incl Financial Report

6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: (s) (r)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates your complaints about injustice and sharp practice

7.45 Music by the Sea: Fritz Spiegl concludes his history of seaside music by drawing together some of the loose ends. Reader is John Westbrook (s)

8.15 Analysis: Life after Debt: On the eve of the annual meetings of the World Bank and the IMF, Peter Oppenheimer assesses the seriousness of debtor countries' inability to re-pay their loans

9.00 Thirty-minute Theatre: Summit of Desire by John P Rooney (s) (r) (see Choice)

9.30 A Fine Spun Portrait: Michael Hordern reads the second of three extracts from John Inglis Hall's classic Fishing a Highland Stream – A Love Affair with a River (r)

9.45 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Christopher Cook includes items on the Booker Prize shortlist and La Bamba, the film based on Fifties pop singer Richie Valens

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Behind the Wall by Colin Thubron (8) (s) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 The Music of the Renaissance: (5) The Performers (r)

12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Singing Together (s) **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop (s) **11.40** Reading Corner (s) **11.50** Poetry Corner (s) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** Wavelength Plus **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University **11.30** Rights and Wrongs of Modern Art **11.50** Policy Making in Education **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time Broadcasting (s) English Resources 3. **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-time Broadcasting (s) English Resources 3. **12.30** The Bronte Sisters **12.50** Wordsworth

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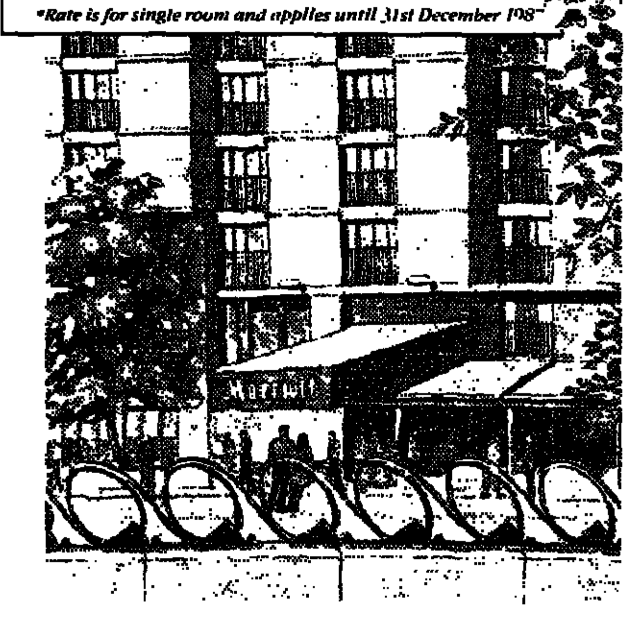
RADIO CHOICE

Janis Winters in Thirty-Minute Theatre (R4, 9pm)

● In **Summit Of Desire** (Radio 4, 9pm) radio makes a foray into the territory marked out by *Spitting Image*, *Whoops! Apocalypse* and the like. *This is a slice of the* satirical grotesque, in which a gung-ho knuckle-head of a US President meets a bloody-minded mutton-head of a Soviet leader in a world disarmament summit. Yes, it is almost topical, and there need be no prizes for guessing the originals of Ian *Thompson's Fagan and Henry* Stamper's Borkoff but the meat of the comedy is in the *fact that on such an occasion* the sole line of communication between the two sides is *provided* by their respective interpreters. Now suppose these two are a red-blooded American male and a seductive Russian beauty, and suppose they are having a torrid affair and they want just one more night together, then one more – until suddenly she decides to break it off. Writer John P Rooney effectively milks these possibilities of their comic potential, and Blain Fairman and Janis Winters act up nicely as the two interpreters. It is a most enjoyable romp and a decidedly uncharacteristic Thirty-Minute Theatre.

Nigel Andrew



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NUM areas split on how overtime ban should be run

By Tim Jones

Deep divisions within the National Union of Mineworkers over how far to push industrial action against British Coal's revised code of conduct emerged yesterday when militant Yorkshire leaders, urging a much tougher line, clashed with Scottish counterparts who pressed for a "softly, softly approach".

The union is split between hard-liners who recognize the present limited overtime ban is having little effect and those who fear pits, investment and jobs could be lost if the action is escalated.

Members of the NUM national executive committee, who meet in Brighton on Sunday to decide on how the union will vote on resolutions before next week's Labour Party conference, will now be under pressure to reconsider their decision which limited the ban to the production of coal and to development work where little overtime is done.

Militants in the union want the ban to include the crucial weekend period, when most overtime is worked by maintainanance crews and safety teams preparing the pits for the following week's production.

If the executive refuses to discuss the issue on Sunday, then the Yorkshire area executive, which met in Barnsley yesterday, will ballot its 33,000 members next month for authority to take an independent and much tougher line. The Yorkshire hardliners hope that would escalate into a national ban on overtime.

Mr Jack Taylor, Yorkshire NUM president said yesterday: "The view is that if we don't defend our members now, we shall regret that in the future. So we might as well get it sorted out now."

He said British Coal was "trying to goad us into taking further action. I have been of the view, along with other members of the national executive committee, that we should have taken further action."

In contrast to the belligerent Yorkshire mood, delegates to a meeting of the Scottish area NUM resisted demands to step up the overtime ban.

Mr Eric Clarke, general secretary of the Scottish NUM, said: "I think we are using our heads, protecting our industry, jobs and members' salaries.

"I am not here to sacrifice union members' wages or to get tough. We are hanging on by our toenails in Scotland. We want a massive expansion not a contraction."

Instead of calling for the overtime ban to be extended, the Scottish delegates backed a motion asking the Labour and trade union movement to help the NUM in its efforts to "bring British Coal back to the negotiating table".

They decided also to ask the national executive to organize a mass lobby of MPs, trade union, local authority and church members outside British Coal's London headquarters.

Hurd proposes ban on automatic guns

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able to buy and own shotguns in Britain without a certificate.

The maximum penalty for possession of a shotgun without a certificate would be increased to the same level as that for the illegal ownership of other guns. The illegal shotgun owner would face a maximum of three years in prison, a fine, or both, instead of the current penalty of six weeks' jail or £2,000 or both.

The Government is also proposing an amnesty next year to allow illegally held guns to be handed in, as well as weapons that would be banned under new legislation.

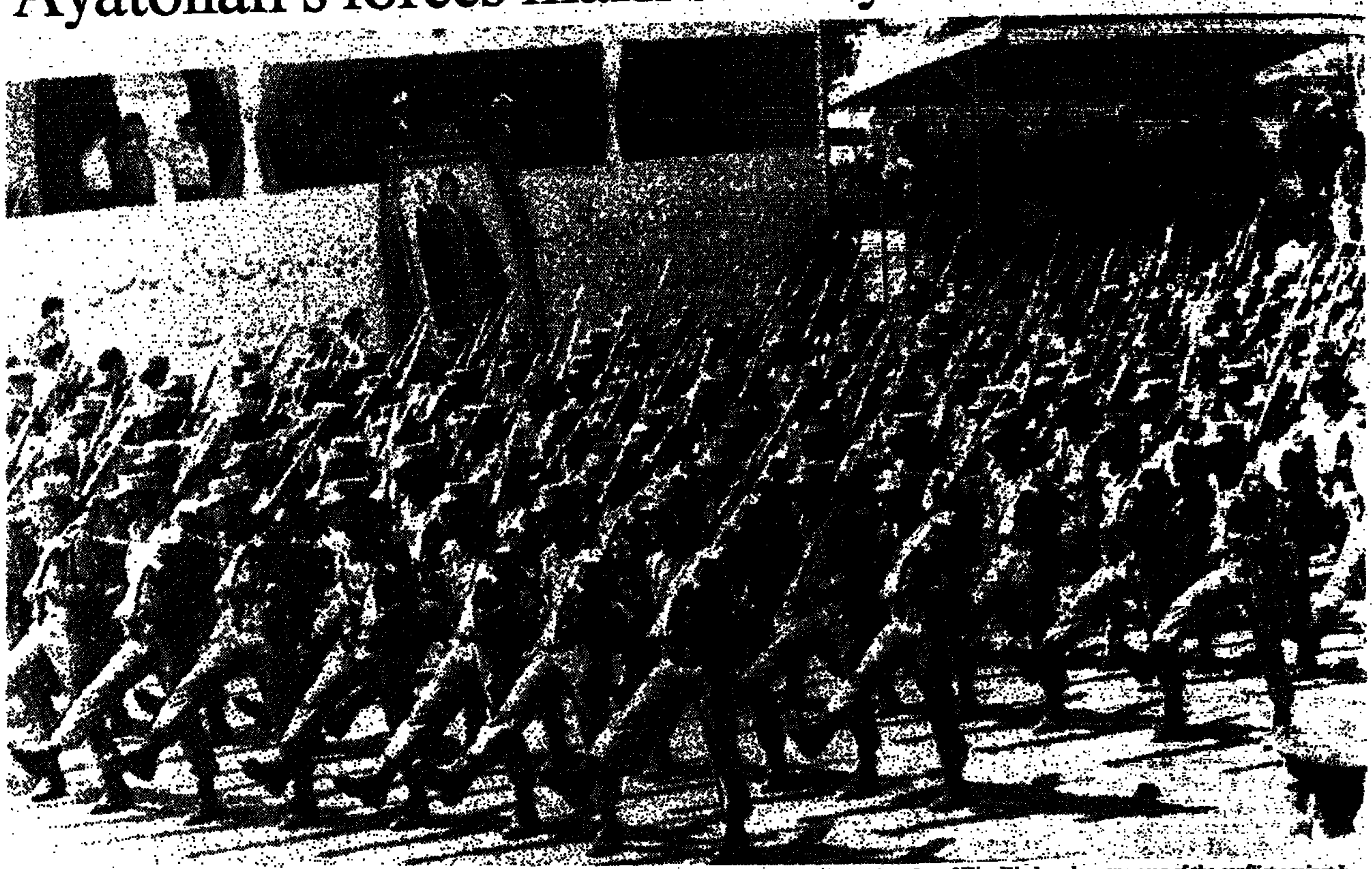
Mr Hurd said the Home Office team reviewing gun controls is still looking at the question of whether the storage of ammunition at home should be prohibited. The Home Secretary said many farmers, for example needed ammunition readily available for pest control. If ammunition was stored at gun clubs, as had been suggested, the arsenals then created would present a temptation to criminals or terrorists.

The proposals may form a new firearms act to replace the 1968 legislation or be included in the Criminal Justice Bill.

● Mr Hurd's plan was condemned as too little, too late by Miss Ann Taylor, a Labour home affairs spokesman, last night (Our Political Staff writes).

She set out Labour's strategy for control, including tougher conditions for storage; a ban on gun club members taking weapons home; strict controls on the number of guns held by one person; and a ban on private holding of weapons, except for farmers and a few others. Labour also wants controls on ammunition.

Ayatollah's forces mark seven years of Gulf War



Cadets of the Iranian officers' college in Tehran marching past a portrait of Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday to mark the first day of War Week and seven years of the conflict against Iraq.

Thatcher outraged at Iranian attack

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condemned as "absolutely outrageous" the attack on the 102,799-tonne Gentle Breeze by an Iranian missile boat in the northern Gulf on Monday.

"That merchant seamen should be subjected to this type of attack is utterly disgraceful," she said. "We will raise it at the UN and will raise it most forcibly with Iran."

Mrs Thatcher said the attack underlined Britain's position that both Iran and Iraq should accept a ceasefire.

"We must go immediately to an arms embargo on that side that does not accept it," she added, referring to efforts to diplomatic secure a UN Security Council arms embargo resolution.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said in New York yesterday, where he is attending the meeting of the UN General Assembly, that the attack on the Gentle Breeze was "absolutely cowardly, barbaric and reckless".

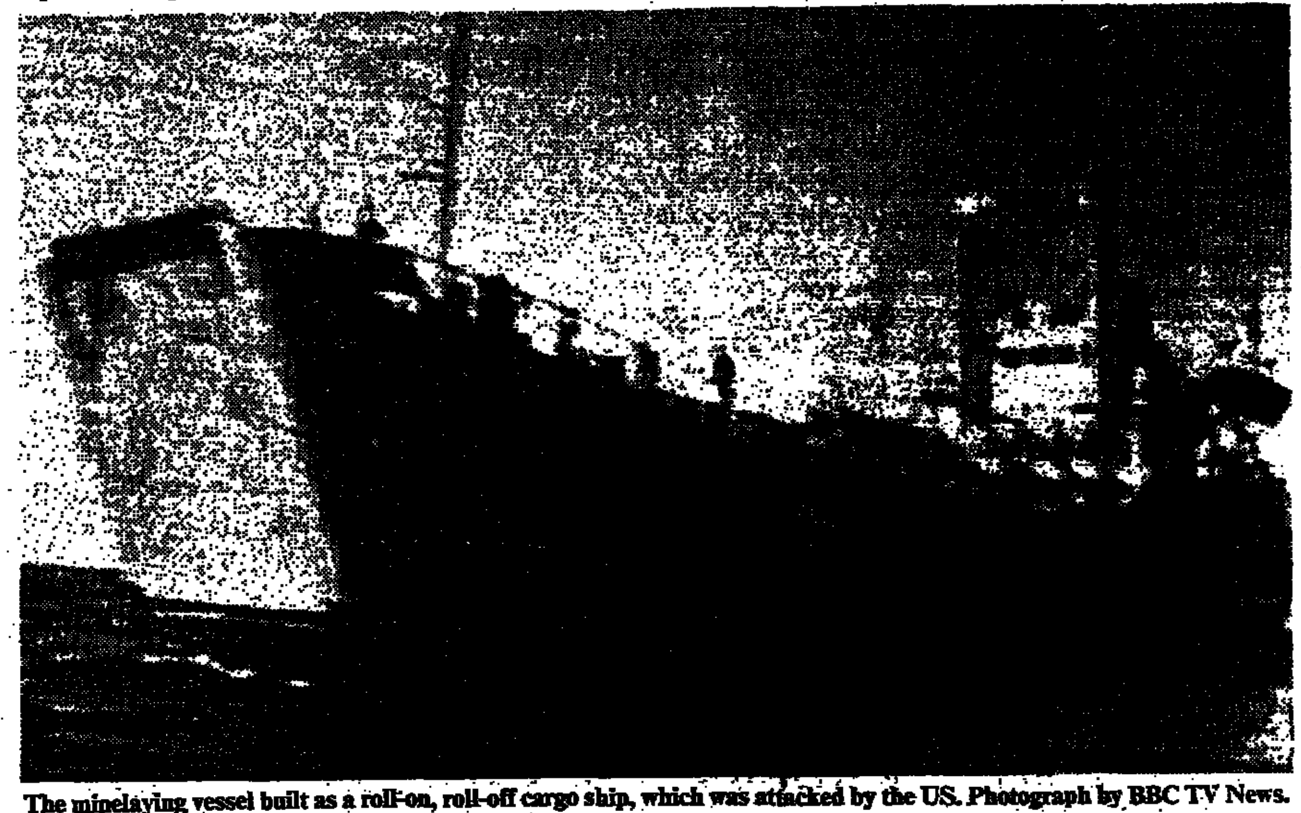
But, speaking to American newspaper editors, he said he hoped it would serve to accelerate moves towards imposing an arms embargo against Iran at the United Nations, where he was meeting Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, later yesterday.

The attack "diminishes the risk of disunity among UN nations. It makes it less difficult to go forward to the next stage . . . an arms embargo.

"That is the most effective way of squeezing the oxygen pipe of weapons that is keeping the war going."

In a separate development, there were indications yesterday that a repeatedly denied agreement to divide up the Gulf between allied navies into areas of responsibility may have been implemented through understandings between naval commanders.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union blamed the American naval build-up in the Gulf for the new crisis caused by thge attack on the iranian vessel. It also accused President Reagan of publicly misrepresenting Moscow's policy in the region.



The minelaying vessel built as a roll-on, roll-off cargo ship, which was attacked by the US. Photograph by BBC TV News.

Americans put captured Iranians on display

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action which had been carried out —according to Mr Rafsanjani — to deflect attention from the speech which President Khamenei was about to make to the UN in New York.

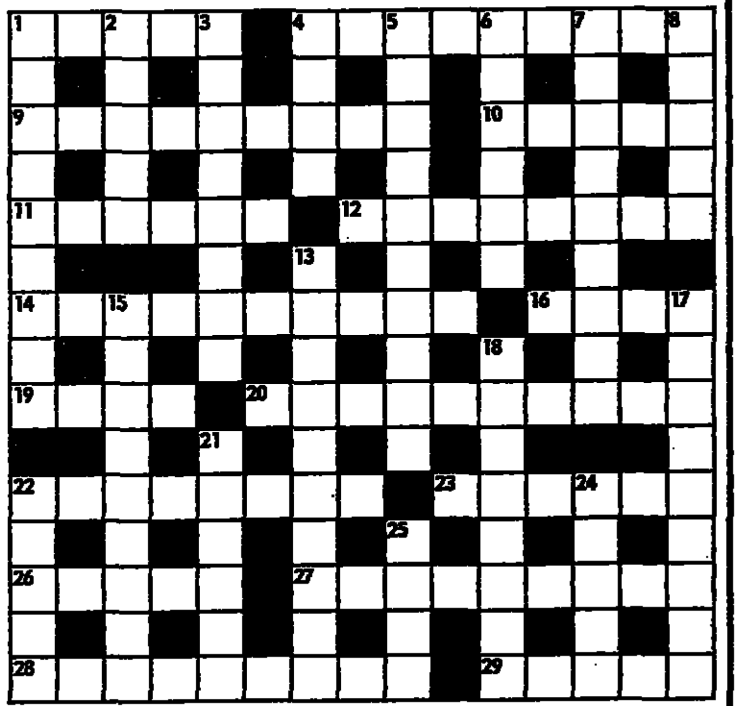
Referring to the captured Iranians as "detainees", the US Government has apparently still not decided how to deal with its new and probably unwanted charges, captured after the two helicopters straffed the Iran Ajr with rocket and heavy machine-gun fire on Monday night.

According to American naval officers, they had been observed pushing mines into the water for up to 30 minutes before Rear Admiral Harold Bernsen, the US Navy commander on board the La Salle ordered the two helicopters from the Jarrett to attack the craft. Their gunfire set the vessel's stern on fire and when US Navy personnel went on board, it was dead in the water.

The Iran Ajr — which the Iranians recently renamed Arya Rakhsh — was at one point reported to have sunk but a small US landing craft was later seen towing it in the Gulf, in a northerly direction away from Bahrain.

About 40 miles north-west of the captured 984-tonne Iranian vessel, the far more badly damaged British-flagged oil tanker Gentle Breeze — attacked by Iranian revolutionary guards at dusk on Monday — lay idle in the sea lane with salvage crews unwilling to move the vessel until the decks had cooled. The Iranian attack, which was the subject of bitter condemnation by Mrs Thatcher yesterday, set the vessel on fire and killed a Filipino crewman; the ship has not been abandoned but both its Indian master and the salvage crews fear that any movement may re-ignite fires beneath the decks.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,469



The best time for solving this puzzle, used as a tie-breaker in the 1987 regional finals of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship, was ten minutes.

ACROSS

1 Either way, Mistress Overdone is an exemplar (5).
4 Remote country in America grows special weeds (9).
9 Highly recommended, but collapsed under strain (7,2).
10 Prepare to get fit (5).
11 Stupid old boy has suet duff (6).
12 Where to unearth the philosopher's stone, presumably (4-4).
14 Call on boy or girl for spring study period (6,4).
16 Stalk most of the game (4).
19 Essential part in helmet, for example (4).
20 One of the common herd reduced to fish (10).
22 Auditor in strike has to push off (5,3).
23 Lawyer appearing in play to support Iago? (6).
26 Return of the good French prizeman (5).
27 Nice new solo — intricate work with colourful sections (9).
28 He was licensed as Lincoln's minder, perhaps (9).
29 To put your capital in this means ruin (5).

DOWN

1 With MP in charge, choir turns out to have amazing conductor (9).
2 Treated plank with tar initially (5).
3 Establish as genuine strange manuscript — Eureka! (4,4).
4 County borders (4).
5 Professional lines in popular religion are a disgrace (10).
6 A fabulous place, the Spanish take-away, for fish (6).
7 Mock serenade from a London organ (9).
8 Name for elegance (5).
13 Drink up (7-3).
15 Puppies, perhaps, born in waste-paper basket (6-3).
17 A novice in end game variation at Cambridge (9).
18 Notice promises about the right to an empty office (8).
21 Young swimmer leaving the sea for the pool (6).
22 The family that lost its head for Shelley (5).
24 Picture in circular form in fashion note (5).
25 Sound performer is obstinate (4).

Concise crossword, page 14

WEATHER

General situation: A showery south-westerly airstream will cover most of Britain. Parts of south-east England will be rather cloudy at first, however conditions will brighten to leave a mostly dry day with some sunny spells. Wales and remaining parts of England will start fairly bright with some sunshine. There will be showers during the day, and in northern and western areas some of these could be heavy. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have some sunny spells with frequent blustery showers. In the north and west some of these will be heavy with the chance of thunder. Winds will be moderate to fresh but strong at times. In most places temperatures will be similar to yesterday, but in the north and west of Scotland it will be rather cool. *Outlook for tomorrow and Friday:* Sunny intervals with showers which will gradually die out from the south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F
Ajaccio	s	29	84
Akrotiri	s	30	86
Alex'dria	f	29	84
Algiers	s	30	86
Amst'dm	f	19	66
Athens	s	31	88
Bahrain	s	35	95
Barbads*	f	30	86
Barcelna	s	28	82
Belgrade	s	26	79
Berlin	f	25	77
Bermuda*	f	31	88
Biarritz	s	27	81
Borde'x	f	25	77
Brussels	c	21	70
Budapst	s	23	73
B Aires*	f	12	54
Cairo	s	32	90
Cape Tn	r	15	59
C'blanca	s	25	77
Chicago*	r	14	57
Ch'church	f	13	55
Cologne	c	22	72
C'phagn	th	14	57
Corfu	s	33	91
Dublin	r	16	61
Dubrovnik	s	30	86
Faro	f	24	75
Florence	s	29	84
Frankfurt	f	25	77
Funchal	s	26	79
Geneva	f	26	79
Gibraltar	s	26	79
Helsinki	c	10	50
Hong K	r	26	79
Innsbrck	s	26	79
Istanbul	f	23	73
Jeddah	s	35	95
Jo'burg*	f	24	75
Karachi	s	31	88
L Palmas	s	26	79
Le Tquet	c	18	64
Lisbon	c	21	70
Locarno	f	24	75
L Angels*	f	23	73
Luxembg	c	18	64
Madrid	f	24	75
Majorca	s	30	86
Malaga	s	30	86
Malta	s	31	88
Mexico C*	f	21	70
Miami*	r	29	84
Milan	s	27	81
Montreal*	c	13	55
Moscow	c	11	52
Munich	s	28	82
Nairobi	c	27	81
Naples	s	30	86
N Delhi	s	33	91
N York*	c	19	66
Nice	f	26	79
Oslo	r	12	54
Paris	r	19	66
Peking	s	28	82
Perth	s	24	75
Prague	s	23	73
Reykjvik	s	11	52
Rhodes	s	32	90
Rio de J	f	22	72
Riyadh	s	39	102
Rome	s	27	81
Salzburg	s	27	81
S F'risco*	s	19	66
Santiago*	s	17	63
S Paulo*	r	14	57
Seoul	s	26	79
Sing'por	th	25	77
St'kholm	c	11	52
Strasb'rg	s	27	81
Tangier	s	25	77
Tel aviv	s	28	82
Tenerife	s	26	79
Tokyo	s	25	77
Toronto*	c	18	64
Tunis	s	31	88
Valencia	s	31	88
Vanc'ver	s	19	66
Venice	s	24	75
Vienna	s	26	79
Warsaw	s	17	63
Wash'ton*	f	24	75
Wel'nton	f	13	55
Zurich	s	24	75

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	8.3	-	19	66	sunny
Bridlington	10.6	-	21	70	sunny
Cromer	8.5	-	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	7.7	.01	19	66	sunny
Clacton	8.5	.01	19	66	sunny
Southend	8.5	.02	19	66	sunny
Margate	*	-	19	66	sunny
Folkestone	8.7	.02	20	68	sunny
Hastings	7.9	.01	19	66	sunny
Eastbourne	6.9	.02	18	64	sunny
Brighton	6.1	-	18	64	sunny
Worthing	6.1	.02	18	64	sunny
Littlehmptn	6.9	.02	19	66	sunny
Bognor R	7.1	.02	18	64	sunny
Southsea	7.3	.01	19	66	sunny
Sandown	*				
Shanklin	5.0	.02	*	*	sunny
Bournemth	9.9	.01	19	66	sunny
Poole	9.0	.06	20	68	sunny
Swanage	9.6	.06	18	64	sunny
Weymouth	10.1	.24	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	10.1	.07	19	66	sunny
Teignmouth	9.7	.15	19	66	sunny
Torquay	9.6	.15	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	8.2	.06	18	64	sunny
Penzance	8.5	.20	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.9	.03	18	64	shower
Jersey	8.2	.03	19	66	sunny
Guernsey	6.2	.02	20	68	sunny
Newquay	7.0	.12	19	66	rain
Ilfracombe	*	.44	19	66	sunny
Minehead	8.6	.01	20	68	sunny
B'pool Airpt	9.5	.20	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	9.0	.48	18	64	sunny
Douglas	*	.24	16	61	bright
B'ham Airpt	10.0	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	8.2	.01	20	68	sunny
Carlisle	8.9	.74	17	63	sunny
London	8.8	.02	19	66	sunny
Manchester	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
N'ctl-n-Tyne	10.0	.08	18	64	sunny
Nottingham	10.4	.09	18	64	sunny
Anglesey	8.8	.23	17	63	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	7.0	.11	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	.29	18	64	sunny
Tenby	9.5	.36	18	64	sunny
Aberdeen	8.6	.20	16	61	sunny
Edinburgh	8.5	.24	17	63	shower
Eskdalemuir	2.5	.55	14	57	shower
Glasgow	5.2	.13	17	63	shower
Kinloss	5.8	.13	17	63	shower
Lerwick	6.6	.27	13	55	shower
Prestwick	6.5	.18	17	63	shower
Stornoway	7.3	.59	14	57	shower
Tiree	5.8	.34	16	61	shower
Wick	9.1	.02	15	59	sunny
Belfast	6.4	.35	17	63	shower

*denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.52	6.9	3.04	6.9
Aberdeen	2.02	4.2	2.34	4.1
Avonmouth	8.17	12.4	8.27	12.8
Belfast	—	—	12.04	3.1
Cardiff	8.02	11.5	8.12	11.8
Devonport	6.46	5.3	6.58	5.5
Dover	11.58	6.6	—	—
Falmouth	6.16	5.1	6.28	5.3
Glasgow	1.32	4.5	2.16	4.1
Harwich	12.49	3.9	12.58	3.9
Holyhead	11.21	5.3	11.33	5.6
Hull	7.15	7.3	7.41	7.2
Ilfracombe	7.01	8.8	7.14	9.0
Leith	3.30	5.3	3.55	5.4
Liverpool	12.04	9.2	12.20	9.1
Lowestoft	10.19	2.5	11.07	2.3
Margate	1.00	4.5	1.01	4.7
Milford Haven	7.17	6.8	7.28	7.0
Newquay	6.07	6.8	6.18	7.0
Oban	6.59	3.9	6.54	4.1
Penzance	5.42	5.4	5.53	5.6
Portland	8.19	2.1	8.19	2.3
Portsmouth	12.13	4.4	12.32	4.6
Shoreham	—	—	12.19	6.1
Southampton	—	—	12.07	4.5
Swansea	7.22	9.1	7.34	9.3
Tees	4.27	5.3	4.53	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	12.42	4.1	12.50	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.341	2.221
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	64.60	61.40
Canada $	2.245	2.135
Denmark Kr	11.92	11.32
Finland Mkk	7.55	7.15
France Fr	10.32	9.82
Germany Dm	3.10	2.94
Greece Dr	231	221
Hong Kong $	13.30	12.60
Ireland Pt	1.157	1.097
Italy Lira	2235	2125
Japan Yen	247	235
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.315
Norway Kr	11.40	10.80
Portugal Esc	243	231
South Africa Rd	4.50	3.70
Spain Pta	206	196
Sweden Kr	10.90	10.35
Switzerland Fr	2.57	2.44
USA $	1.715	1.635
Yugoslavia Dnr	1850	1400

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.1 (September).

London: The *FT* Index closed down 5.5 at 1831.8.

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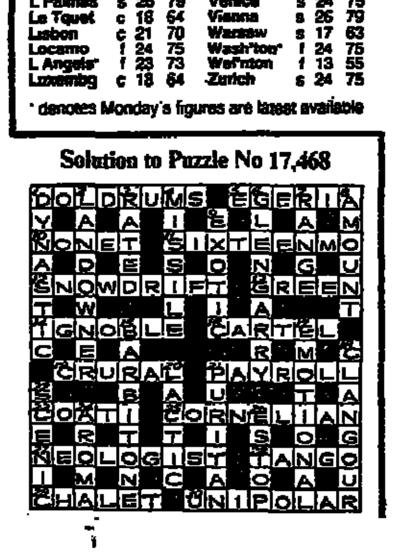

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Austria Sch 29. Belgium B Frs 50: Canada $2 75. Canaries Pes 200. Cyprus 80 cents: Denmark Dkr 12.00: Finland Mkk 9.00: France F 9 00: W Germany DM 3.50: Gibraltar 70p: Greece Dr 200: Holland Gl 3.50. Irish Republic 40p: Italy L 2,700: Luxembourg Lf 45: Madeira Esc 200: Malta 35c: Morocco Dir 12.00: Norway Kr 10 00. Pakistan Rps 18: Portugal Esc 200: Singapore $5.50: Spain Pes 200: Sweden Skr 12.00: Switzerland S Frs 3.00: Tunisia Din 1.00: USA $2.00: Yugoslavia Din 1,000.

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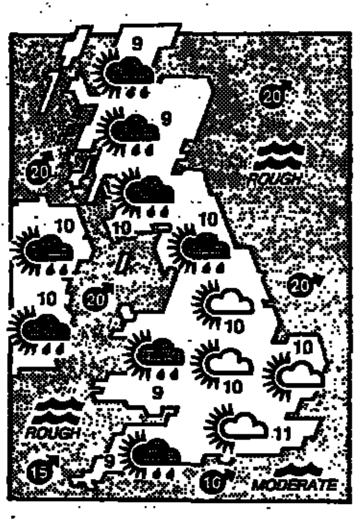

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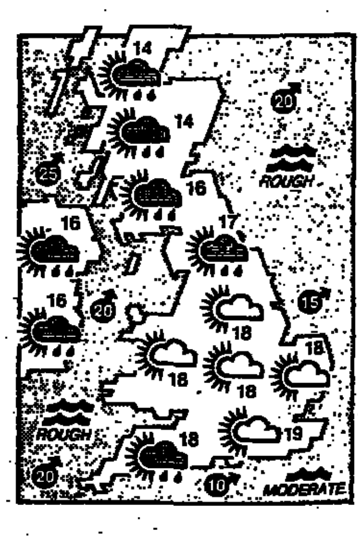


MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.7 hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1013.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 7.28 pm to 6.19 am
Bristol 7.38 pm to 6.29 am
Edinburgh 7.41 pm to 6.31 am
Manchester 7.37 pm to 6.27 am
Penzance 7.49 pm to 6.41 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, 0.95in; highest sunshine: Skegness, Lincolnshire, 7.0 hr.

YESTERDAY

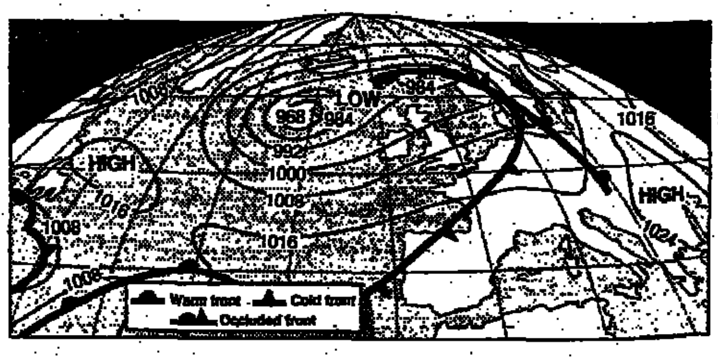
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	15	59	Guernsey	s	17	63
B'rmgham	f	17	63	Inverness	s	15	59
Blackpool	s	17	63	Jersey	f	18	64
Bristol	s	18	64	London	s	18	64
Cardiff	s	18	64	M'nchster	f	16	61
Edinburgh	c	17	63	Newcastle	f	17	63
Glasgow	f	15	59	R'nldsway	s	16	61

Sun rises: 6.47 am
Sun sets: 6.58 pm
Moon rises 7.01 am
Moon sets 7.01 pm

New moon 4.08 am

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

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Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1831.8 (-5.5)

FT-SE 100
2336.2 (+1.4)

Bargains
35829 (41348)

USM (Datastream)
216.47 (-0.51)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6435 (-0.0050)

W German mark
2.9895 (-0.0017)

Trade-weighted
73.1 (-0.2)

R-R warns foreign holdings

Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine maker privatized in May, was yesterday forced to give a warning to non-British shareholders that they have overshot the 15 per cent limit the Government imposed on foreign holdings in the company.

A statement said that the receiving banks had informed the company that foreign-held shares on which the second instalment has been paid had reached 16.6 per cent by Monday. It made clear that any shares in excess of the government limit, designed to ensure British control of the company, would be sold.

Marler bids for Berkley

Berkley House is to acquire control of fellow developer Marler Estates through a reverse takeover bid. Terms are to be announced later.

Although it is Marler that is buying Berkley, control of Marler will pass to Mr Graham Meehan and Mr Keith Meehan, the principal Berkley shareholders. The Takeover Panel has agreed in principle to waive its requirements.

Dividend up

Minet Holdings, the Lloyd's insurance broker, made interim pretax profits of £19.3 million, unchanged from the previous first half. The interim dividend was raised to 3.8p from 3.43p.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones .... 2511.91 (+19.09)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 24866.06 (-46.36)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3695.53 (+27.58)
Amsterdam: Gen .... 305.3 (-2.1)
Sydney: AO .... 2291.8 (-14.1)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank .... 1963.6 (-2.7)
Brussels:
General .... 5103.0 (-10.6)
Paris: CAC .... 422.1 (-4.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 604.70 (-6.00)
London:
FT-A All-Share .... n/a
FT - "500" .... n/a
FT Gold Mines .... 447.7 (+9.4)
FT Fixed interest ..... 92.21 (-0.20)
FT Govt Secs .... 86.60 (-0.27)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Henderson	303p (+20p)
Higgs & Hill	380p (+25p)
Atlantic Computer	754p (+20p)
Pavilion Leisure	310p (+80p)
Pearson	922p (+110p)
News Intnl.	675p (+25p)
Atkins Bros.	405p (+20p)
ICI	1598p (+30p)
Christies Int.	718p (+34p)
Harvey & Thompson	458p (+13p)
Kleinwort	549p (+19p)
L Joseph	563p (+16p)
Lloyds	365p (+17p)

FALLS:	
Williams	1017p (-21p)
Bass	1003p (-20p)
Unigate	374p (-18p)
Bemrose	323p (-21p)
Mersey Docks	365p (-25p)
Cons. Gold	1415p (-43p)
Minet Holdings	406p (-14p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank $10\frac{1}{16}$-10%
3-month eligible bills: $9\frac{25}{32}$-$9\frac{23}{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate $8\frac{3}{4}$%
Federal Funds $7\frac{9}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.48-6.46%*
30-year bonds $92\frac{3}{4}$-$92\frac{29}{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£ $1 6435	£: $1.6420*
£ DM2.9895	$: DM1.8210*
£ SwFr2.4751	$: SwFr1.5075*
£ FFr9 9637	$: FFr6.0675*
£ Yen236.75	$: Yen144.10*
£ Index 73.1	$: Index 101.1
ECU £0 694640	SDR £0.782164

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $463.15 pm-$461.55
close $461 00-461.50 (£280.50-281.00)
New York:
Comex $461.40-461.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) pm $18.40bbl ($18.33)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Surprise move for 17.5m shares in Financial Times parent

News takes stake in Pearson

By Michael Tate

The News Corporation, Mr Rupert Murdoch's Australian-based international publishing and television group which owns *The Times*, yesterday acquired through its News *International subsidiary* 17.5 million shares in Pearson, the sprawling conglomerate that publishes the *Financial Times* and has interests ranging from entertainment to fine china.

The share stake, which cost £161 million, lifts The News Corporation shareholding in Pearson to 13.5 per cent, worth a total of £255 million. The company plans raise its holding to 14.9 per cent *through the purchase* of a further 3 million shares, but has ruled out a takeover bid.

In a statement issued through Hoare Govett, the stockbroking firm that handled yesterday's buying operation, the group said it had "no intention of making a full bid for Pearson and would not contemplate doing so over the next 12 months in the absence of a material change in the circumstances of that company".

It is a promise that will be binding under City takeover rules, a Hoare Govett spokesman said.

The statement added that it was was "in the best interest of Pearson that it should continue as an independent entity with a substantial minority holding by News Corpor*ation*".

It also said that it was "News Corporation's intention to discuss with Pearson the possibility of co-operation in their common business areas".

In an official statement Lord Blakenham, the Pearson *chairman, who was in Scot*land yesterday, said he had no knowledge of The News Corporation's intentions and that "we will continue Pearson's development as an independent company in the interests of all our shareholders".

Commenting later on Mr *Murdoch's* suggestion of co-operation in common business areas, a Pearson spokes*man said:* "We *must* wait to see what he has to say to us. But we do not understand why it is necessary to invest close on £300 million simply to talk to us about our common interests."

News International paid 920p for each of its shares, *acquired by Hoare Govett in* a process known in the market as a dawn raid. The brokers were ready with their offer when the market opened and had collected the bulk of their requirements within the first couple of hours.

Pearson shares, which had closed on Monday 16p higher at 808p, surged upwards to match the News offer and value the group at £1.88 billion.

The shares have been a strong *counter for some time*, however, as bid speculation has swirled around the group and its break-up potential. Various parties have been rumoured as possible bidders for different parts of the group.

However, potential bidders *would face a formidable uphill* task in the shape of the Cowdray family, which has a shareholding of around 20 per cent. A further 9.5 per cent is held by Mr Michel David-Weill, a director who increased his share stake from around 5 per cent in May. The board also believes it can count on the support of Mr Carlo de Benedetti, who acquired a 4.9 per cent stake *during the summer*.

Lord Blakenham: Pearson group so far immune to takeover

Businesses of width and quality

THE PEARSON EMPIRE

	1986 (£m)		
	Sales	Profit	Value†
Information and entertainment	547.1	70.3	
Newspapers	620		
Financial Times			
Westminster Press			
The Economist (50%)			
Books*			350
Longman			
Penguin			
Entertainment			130
Madame Tussaud's			
Cedar Fair (33.4%, now 8.1%)			
Yorkshire Television (20.9%)			
BSB (consortium member)			
Investment banking	-	28.4	250
Lazard Brothers (50%)			
Lazard Freres, New York (9.8%)			
Lazard Freres, Paris (9.9%)			
Fine china	156.3	16.5	200
Royal Doulton			
Oil and oil services	109.9	6.5	100
Camco (55.4%)			
Compressor Systems (35.9%)			
Lignum Oil			
Whitehall Petroleum			
Other interests	6.2	5.5	100
Chateau Latour (53.5%)			
West Thurrock			
Blackwell Land (37.4%)			
Engineering (now discontinued)	133.1	4.9	
Total	952.6	132.1	1750

* Pearson publishing interests consist of: Longman, Penguin, Hamish Hamilton, Michael Joseph, Sphere, Frederick Warne, New American *Library*, Pelham, *Pavilion*, Abacus, *Viking Penguin*, Pitman, *Ladybird*, Churchill Livingstone, Oliver & Boyd, Elm Tree, E.P. Dutton, Dial.
† Based on estimates by Prudential-Bache Corporation

Pearson has been the subject *of takeover speculation* for two years. At a time when many conglomerates showing less than than dynamic growth have fallen to demerger specialists, Pearson has remained notably immune.

Few have been willing to bet against a predatory bid, however, and many believe The News Corporation's acquisition of a 13.5 per cent stake will provoke other interested parties into action.

Pearson is a collection of attractive highly-profitable businesses ranging from the *Financial Times* to Madame Tussaud's. But it is perceived in the market to be run by a management team that tends to be reactive rather than innovative.

The popular view is that the constituent pieces could do better on their own. But some would say there is room for improvement as the group stands.

What is not denied is the quality of the businesses, which include the *Financial Times;* the Penguin and Longman publishing empires; *half of Lazard Brothers*, the merchant bank; Royal Doulton, which leads the world in *the manufacture of fine china;* and Madame Tussaud's.

Pearson's origin dates back to 1844, when Samuel Pearson joined the board of a small Yorkshire building firm. But it was *under Samuel Pearson's* grandson, Weetman Pearson, that the group really prospered. *He became the first* Lord Cowdray and by the time he died had built a substantial international group which included a string of provincial newspapers, later to become Westminster Press, and an interest in Lazard.

The *FT* followed in 1957, *Longman in 1968 and Pen*guin in the early 1970s. By then, death duties had forced the Cowdray family to go public. But the family still exercises considerable power, with shareholdings totalling around 20 per cent. Pearson's chairman today is Lord Blakenham, the 49-year-old son of the second Lord Cowdray's daughter.

The group's biggest division is information and entertainment, comprising newspapers, books and leisure activities. Together they earned more than £70.3 million of the group's £132.1 million trading profit in 1986.

The division consists of the *FT group, including the Investor's Chronicle* and the highly-valued electronic publishing interests of *FT* Business Information as well as the *FT* itself; the Penguin and Longman book publishing interests; a half-share in *The Economist:* Westminster Press; and the Madame Tussaud's and Cedar Fair leisure operations.

*Pearson's first diversifica*tion, oil, is not faring so well. It has extensive interests in the United States and holdings in some 30 North Sea blocks, including the Forties field and the Forbes gas find, but the oil industry's slump has left profits looking sickly. They crashed from £19.6 million in 1985 to £6.5 million last year.

Lazards gambolled in the heady atmosphere of financial services, to make £28.4 million last year, against £22.7 million, while Royal Doulton lifted its contribution from £15.5 million to £16.5 million

Analysts believe that a break-up proposal would create a stampede.

ICI sells Stauffer arm for $522m

By Joe Joseph

Imperial Chemical Industries is selling the basic chemicals business of Stauffer Chemicals to France's Rhône-Poulenc for $522 million (£318 million), ridding itself of the last large unwanted chunk of the US company it bought in June from Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch foods and consumer products group.

The deal with the French state-controlled chemicals concern comes after ICI's sale last month of Stauffer's speciality chemicals division for $625 million to Akzo America, part *of the Dutch chemi*cals and fibres company.

ICI is thus effectively left with Stauffer's agrochemicals division, the magnet which first lured it into paying $1.9 *billion for the US company in* a deal which made ICI the third biggest player in the world agrochemicals market.

Stauffer's agrochemicals division brought in pretax *profits in 1986 of about $38* million. After disposing of the unwanted parts of Stauffer. *ICI's US interests should* be turning over $3.5 billion a year, almost twice that of three years ago before its big push into the US.

The three remaining, and much smaller, Stauffer businesses will probably be sold before the end of the year.

Mr Alan Clements, ICI's finance director, said: "We had to buy the whole of Stauffer because that's how Unilever wanted to sell it. We thought we would probably dispose of the speciality and basic chemicals businesses.

"The effective sale of these businesses means that the key agrochemicals business will have been secured at a very satisfactory net cost."

He said ICI should also end *up paying* a price "less than 19 times earnings, probably less than 18 times" for Stauffer's agrochemicals business. ICI's gearing, which rose to 40 per cent after the Stauffer acquisition, was back below 35 per cent and should return to about 30 per cent by the end of the year.

Mr Ronnie Hampel, the director responsible for ICI's *activities in the Americas*, said: "The businesses we are disposing of are all good, *robust businesses in their own* right and we knew they would be of interest to a number of other parties. But they are not prime areas we wish to develop in North America."

Stauffer's basic chemicals division — comprising sulphuric acid and sulphur-based *products, phosphorus prod*ucts and soda ash — made pretax profits of $35 million. *Rhône-Poulenc will pay $505* million cash and will take on $17 million of long-term debt.

Ratners buys US retailer

By Carol Ferguson

Ratners (Jewellers), which claims to be the world's second largest retail jeweller, has bought a second United States jewellery chain, the Westhall Company, for $48.5 million (£29.5 million).

The British company had pretax profits for the seasonally weak first half of £2.6 million to August 1, compared with a pro forma loss previously of £2.9 million. Turnover jumped 47 per cent to £95 million.

Westhall, a private company, has 71 stores in the eastern and midwestern regions of the US. It plans another 11 by mid-November. These, together with those of *Sterling*, also acquired *after* the half-year, mean Ratners will have 213 US stores open *in time* for Christmas.

Mr Gerald Ratner, chairman, said: "There is minimal overlap *of* Westhall stores with Sterling stores and the acquisition will therefore provide the group with wider geographical coverage."

Westhall made a pretax profit of $4.5 million in the year to February. Net assets acquired are $10.6 million. The purchase price will be paid in cash.

Ratners is continuing to expand its British market and plans to open about 100 shops this year, excluding acquisitions. It expects H Samuel to have 360 shops, Ratners 200 and Terry's 80 shops in time for Christmas.

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Maxwell intends to purchase Peat

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

*Mr Robert Maxwell said yes*terday that he intended to buy Guinness Peat Group, the merchant banking combine, "lock, stock and barrel" as he revealed that he had raised his stake in the company to just under 15 per cent. Guinness Peat is currently the object of a £356 million bid by Equiticorp, the New Zealand investment company.

Mr Maxwell said on the Channel 4 *Business Daily* programme that he hoped to buy the company with the support of the Guinness Peat board. But he is not believed to have spoken to the management since last week when he was told that his share buying was unwelcome.

The increase in his stake from 10.3 per cent on Monday was accomplished through a "dawn raid" on the market yesterday morning, with purchases of shares at about the 120p level. Guinness Peat's shares closed at 121p.

Mr Maxwell is only just below the 15 per cent level at which the Bank of England will have to judge whether or not he is "fit and proper" to own a large stake in a British bank.

Equiticorp, however, already holds almost 40 per cent of GPG. **Comment, page 27**

Swoop on Storehouse

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Robert Maxwell has paid £40 million for a 2.3 per cent stake in Sir Terence Conran's Storehouse group.

The surprise move came as Mr Tony Clegg, whose Mountleigh property group's £1.6 billion offer for Storehouse has been rejected by the board, said he had not ruled out making a hostile bid.

Mr Maxwell, through his Bishopsgate Investment Trust, paid 383p a share for 10 million Storehouse shares. Sears yesterday confirmed it had sold 7.2 million shares while there were reports Woolworth had sold one million.

Mr Maxwell is unlikely to have acquired the shares to prepare *for a bid himself. But* his buying spree — thought to have been topped yesterday with another 2.5 million at a price of 378p — signals that he expects *the shares to rise fur*ther on takeover speculation.

Surprise move: Maxwell may expect shares to rise

Storehouse shares finished 8p *higher on the day* at 383p.

Filofax still expanding

By Alexandra Jackson

Filofax, the manufacturer of personal organizer systems, aims to have at least one distributor in every reasonably-sized town in the country. It now has 1,250 stockists in Britain and it is stepping up its efforts in the US and Japan.

However, spending on improving internal systems and resources conspired with the drive overseas to depress profit margins. They fell from 12.3 per cent to 9.9 per cent in the six months to end-June.

But Mr David Collischon, the chairman, said margins should recover by the year-end, nearer the 21 per cent level of last year.

Filofax reported pretax profits of £444,000 yesterday on turnover of £4.9 million compared with £263.000 in the first half of 1986. An interim dividend of 0.75p was declared in line with the *flotation forecast*.

The shares have risen 71 per cent since then and closed yesterday at 205p.

Efforts are being made to shift the balance of the business away from the seasonally stronger second half.

On current trends, however, it seems unlikely that Filofax will make much more than £2 million in 1986 compared *with £1.4 million last year*.

New products geared to the Christmas trade have been *launched and include an* Italian leather binder at £125 and a cheaper range of brightly coloured vinyl binders.

Longer lead index dips

The rise in base rates and subsequent fall in share prices *last month pushed down the* longer leading index for the economy, the Central Statistical Office said yesterday.

The index fell from 104.1 in July to 102.9 in August (1980 = 100). But Whitehall officials said the fall in the index, which indicates turning points in economic activity 12 months ahead, did not signal a downturn in the economy.

The figures were again heavily influenced by share price movements. Shares have since recovered from their August lows.

The cyclical indicators show that there was a peak in *activity early in 1985, and that* the economy has been recovering for the past 18 months.

The Department of Trade and Industry's figures showed a fall of £120 million (at 1980 prices) in the stocks held by industry during the second quarter.

In the first half of the year, industry's stocks dropped by £265 million, offsetting the £255 million rise in the second half of last year.

Stocks held by *manufac*turers fell by £180 million in the second quarter.

Chancellor may have an embarrassment of riches

Tax boom fuels spending battle

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

This year's battle over public spending has hardly begun — but it has already created more excitement than the whole of last year's spending round.

And it has already become clear that Mr John Major, the new Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is *operating* at a considerable disadvantage.

It is always the case that the spending ministers pitch their bids on the assumption of a bottomless public purse. But this year, while the scope for extra spending is not unlimited, the Treasury does appear to be suffering from an embarrassment of riches.

Projections by economists at Morgan Grenfell, published yesterday, suggest the scope for Treasury largesse this year is considerable. Mr Major could concede the £6 billion of extra spending demanded by the departments for the year beginning *April 1988, while leaving the* Chancellor with room to cut taxes by £3 billion in the Budget next March, Morgan Grenfell says.

And all this could be accomplished without risking an overshoot of the £4 billion target for the public sector borrowing requirement for next year.

Indeed, Morgan Grenfell says, the PSBR would probably come out at nearer to £1 billion, within a whisker of a zero borrowing *figure*.

The Chancellor's declared aim is to achieve a PSBR of 1 per cent of gross domestic product, equivalent to £4 billion. But there is a feeling that Mr Lawson may be tempted by the prospect of going down in history as the first Chancellor since Mr Roy Jenkins in 1969/70 to achieve a "balanced budget" — insofar as a zero PSBR is equivalent to budget balance.

Sir Terence Burns, the Government's chief economic adviser, is known to be in favour of adjusting the PSBR according to the state of the economic cycle. In the present boom conditions, this would imply a low or negative PSBR.

Morgan Grenfell predicts a £5.5 billion overshoot on general government receipts this year, 1987/88, widening to a £9 billion overshoot in 1988/89.

A £3 billion "fiscal adjustment" — enough to cut the basic rate of income *tax to 25p in the pound — is included in* the current arithmetic for the 1988 Budget. Theoretically, any increase in *revenues can be used for extra public* spending.

Many economists outside the Treasury consider this to be an inappropriate time to inject extra spending into the economy, either with tax cuts or additional public spending. Faced with his embarrassment of riches, the Chancellor is likely to find that he has no option.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

ML Holdings agrees £7.6m bid for Wallop

M L Holdings, the electronic and electrical systems maker for the aerospace and defence industries, has made an agreed £7.6 million bid for Wallop Holdings, a specialist defence contractor. Wallop designs and makes pyrotechnics, decoy systems and other specialist military equipment.

The acquisition will be funded by a vendor placing of 4.2 million *shares at 180p per share, representing 11.6 per cent of* ML's enlarged equity. Wallop had a turnover of £8.4 million and profits before tax of £700,000 in the year to the end of March. Its net assets were *£2.9* million. Ordinary shareholders may apply for new shares up to a maximum of *10 new shares for 77 held.*

Dividend rise at HK Land

Hong Kong Land yesterday announced a 23 per cent rise in interim after-tax profits to HK$474 million (£37.9 million), despite floating off its Dairy Farm retailing subsidiary and its Mandarin Oriental Hotels group. Shareholders are to benefit from a 71 per cent *increase* in the interim dividend, which is rising from 7 cents to 12 cents a share.

CE Heath in £4.2m buy

CE Heath, the Lloyd's broker, is buying 88 per cent of Garlands Holdings for £4.2 million. Garlands has a wholly owned subsidiary, Martens Horner & Co, which is a London-based Lloyd's marine broker. Heath may purchase the *remaining 12 per cent at intervals* up to 1996 for a minimum £2.2 million cash, depending on profits.

Wah Kwong relisting

Shares of the Wah Kwong Shipping Group will be publicly traded on the Hong Kong stock exchange by the end of the year after the company's US$850 million (£518.2 million) debt restructuring is complete. Wah Kwong has already approached the Securities Commission for a relisting and has appointed Jardine Fleming, the merchant banker, to handle the matter.

Mr Frank Chao, a director of the firm, said: "The group is in a better position now and is beginning to benefit from the slow but steady recovery in the world shipping market. The company restructuring is operating satisfactorily, and our performance for the first five months of the year is better than forecast at the time of the restructuring."

Close ahead to £3.4m

Close Brothers Group, the specialist merchant banking and investment group, in which Caledonia Investments holds 11.3 per cent, *beat July forecasts at its £24* million rights issue with full-year profits to end-July of £3.4 million, up from £2.5 million previously. There is a *final dividend of* 2.9p, making 4.4p for the year.

IBC expands into America

International Business Communications, a business publisher and conference producer, has agreed to acquire the institutional services of *the Donoghue Organization* of the US — including Donoghue's *Money Fund Report* and *The Cash Manager*. The acquisition, for an undisclosed price, will give IBC its first US holding.

£3.4m for Clayform

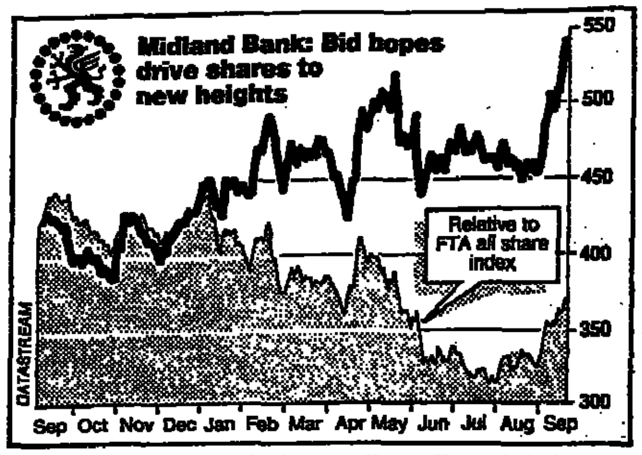
Fast-expanding Clayform Properties — which took over Samuel Properties last year for £85 million — earned pretax profits of £3.4 million in the first six months of the year, compared with a loss previously of £300,000. Mr David Hyman, *the chairman, says the company has an "excellent" platform* for the future with a busy development programme.

This includes plans for a £150 million shopping and leisure complex on the site of the defunct Leyland truck plant at Bathgate in central Scotland. Clayform has also been selected *as partners by the North Western Regional Health Authority* to develop jointly its 43-acre Prestwich Hospital site. The interim dividend goes up from 2.5p a share to 2.8p, while on the stock market the shares eased 8p to 365p.

STOCK MARKET

Midland reaches peak as mystery buyer appears

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster



Another big buyer has emerged on the scene at the beleaguered **Midland Bank** and was was busily mopping up shares in the marketplace yesterday with the price surging by 16p to a new high of 551p as more than £7 million shares, worth about £38 million, changed hands.

The mystery buyer snapped up a line of 2.5 million shares at 541p first thing and may have been able to add to his holding later in the session. There were suggestions that the mystery buyer was none other than Mr Robert Maxwell, the newspaper publisher, but this was being discounted by a leading broker last night. Mr Maxwell already has more than enough on his plate trying to block Equiticorp's bid for Guinness Peat, the merchant bank. Yesterday, he *also emerged as a holder of a* 2.3 per cent stake in Storehouse, still awaiting terms from Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh Group, through Bishopsgate Investment Trust.

At first, it was thought Lord Hanson's Hanson Trust had been topping up its holding in the shares, but this turned out to be wide of the mark. At the last count, Hanson held just above 6 per cent of Midland and is thought to want to increase its holding to 15 per cent.

Midland has been dogged by takeover speculation in recent weeks. Earlier this month, it was approached by Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's biggest advertising agency, about a possible bid and Saatchi was rebuffed. Later the brothers, Charles and Maurice Saatchi, tried their charms on Hill Samuel, the merchant bank and were again rejected.

Despite the concern expressed in the Square Mile that any offer by Hanson for Midland would be blocked by the Bank of England, the odds on a full bid for Midland are growing shorter.

The group was recently forced to ask shareholders for an extra £715 million to help increase its provision against bad debts from Third World countries. Its track record over the past couple of years has been disappointing and many market men regard the group as vulnerable to a takeover approach.

Meanwhile, dealers have been taking the view that the other three banks have been *left behind by the rest of the* market. **Lloyds Bank** finished 25p higher at 373p on a turnover of almost 3 million shares.

Lloyds also recently increased its provision against bad debts by £1 billion. Last year, it launched an unsuccessful £1.7 billion bid for Standard Chartered.

There was also solid investment support for **National Westminster Bank**, 20p higher at 743p, while rival **Barclays Bank** firmed the same amount to 615p.

The rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre session with prices left up to their own devices for much of the day following a dismal overnight performance on Wall Street where the prospect of another rise on prime rates has again been revived. Sentiment was also hit by the news of the deteriorating situation in the Gulf.

Most of the turnover was directed at the speculative situations, including News International's dawn raid on Pearson, whose interests stretch from the Lazard Bros merchant bank through to the *Financial Times* and Royal Doulton china.

News International confirmed first thing that it was the holder of 10.25 million *shares* (4.9 per cent) and through Hoare Govett, the broker, had been able to pick up a further 17.5 million shares. NI intended to raise its *stake in Pearson to 14.99 per* cent, but at the close of business in London last night was still 3 million shares short of the target. It is expected that Hoare Govett would pick up the remaining Pearson shares overnight in New York.

The FT 30 share index managed to finish above its worst levels of the day, but was still 5.5 lower at 1,831.8 by the close. The FT-SE 100 share index put in a late run to end 1.4 up at 2,336.2.

Government securities ended £½ lower at the longer end, worried about the outcome of today's £800 million gilt auction.

Storehouse touched 390p at one stage as hopes grew that Mountleigh would press ahead with a bid after its earlier offer of 420p was rejected. The price finished the day 8p higher at 383p on turnover of 17 million shares.

There were suggestions that Mr Maxwell had been adding to his initial holding of 10 million shares in Storehouse.

Courtaulds fell 4p to 504p after Cazenove, the broker, placed a line of 1.2 million shares at around the 500p level. Dealers said the shares were easily placed. Courtaulds has been a firm market of late with several dealers convinced that the shares are overdue for a re-rating.

Shares of **Vickers**, the engineering group, declined 5p to 220p on sporadic nervous selling ahead of the interim results on Thursday. Paribas Quilter Securities, the broker, expects interim pretax profits to rise from £21.2 million to £24.8 million.

Thorn EMI, the consumer electronic group, rose 9p to 692p as 2.5 million shares were traded. The company has been awarded a £70 million contract by the Ministry of Defence to supply the latest in air-defence warning systems, ADAD, which helps protect ground forces from the threat of *low-flying* aircraft and helicopters.

Shares of **Laporte Industries**, Britain's second largest chemicals company, advanced *10p to equal their* peak of 559p as stories circulated in the market that the company could soon be on the receiving end of a bid.

Solvay, *the Belgian chemical* company which has said it intends to increase its stake in Laporte by another 3 per cent to 25 per cent is reporting to be sizing the company up for a full offer.

Solvay, which has held a 50-50 holding in Interox, the world leader in peroxide, with *Laporte for some time, is said* to be growing tired of this arrangement and is keen on making an offer for the rest.

Another theory is that Solvay had passed on its Laporte stake to another Belgian company and that a bid will follow.

Mr John Doree, a chemicals analyst at Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, was sceptical and suggested that it was unlikely *that a bid for Laporte would* materialize. Recent support for the shares may be Solvay topping up its stake to the 25 per cent level.

A spokesman for Laporte later denied that Solvay, or any other Belgian company, would be bidding. He said that Solvay's connections with the company have always been freindly and that its stake has been acquired purely as an investment.

Last week, Laporte reported *an impressive set of interim* results, showing an 18 per cent rise in first-half pretax profits to £34 million. BZW, the broker, is forecasting £74 million for the full year and rates the shares as a "buy" for good, medium-term growth prospects.

Boots, Britain's leading high street chemist, dropped 11p to 305p as sellers quickly paid heed to yet another broker's profit downgrading.

Scrimgeour Vickers has followed hard on the heels of Phillips & Drew and SG Warburg Securities and downgraded its profit estimate from £274 million to £263 million. It blames the reason for the downgrading on problems at the chemist division.

BZW, the broker, says that the group's outlook for next year and 1989 will be in line with the disappointing results last time. No new drugs will emerge until 1990 and benefits from its new Children's World retailing venture will take some time to come through.

Clients are being advised to sell.

Pavilion Leisure, which owns the Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow, soared 80p in a restricted market to 310p in response to the announcement that a 27 per cent stake in the company had changed hands. Hopes are high that an asset injection could follow.

Shares of **Wellcome** and **London International Group** held steady at their overnight levels of 518p and 353p respectively ahead of an Aids seminar to be hosted by BZW, the broker, later today.

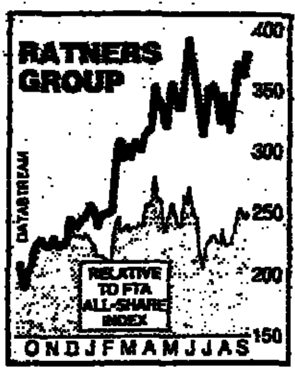
LIG last week acquired HATU-ICO, Italy's leading condom maker and producer of over-the-counter health and personal care goods.

A million shares (or 5 per cent of the equity) in **Buckley's**, the South Wales brewery, changed hands as the price advanced by 6p to 206p. Buckley's board last week recommended a 192p-a-share bid from Mr Guy Von Cramer and Mr Peter Clowes.

Keep an eye on Pleasurama, the casino and hotel operator, unchanged at 218p yesterday. Whispers suggest that Rank Organisation has again cast its slide-rule over the company and may bid. The word is that it has been persuaded to have another look by the ex-Pleasurama chairman, Mr George Martin. At this level, Pleasurama, which recently completed the acquisition *of President Entertainments, is capitalized at £450 million.*

TEMPUS

US gems glow for Ratners



Draping British women with gold chains and earrings is only part of Mr Gerald Ratners's ambition.

He is now turning his attentions to the US. His second acquisition there, the Westhall Company, will take the total number of Ratners-owned American jewellery stores up to 213 by Christmas, making it the fourth largest jewellery retailer in the US.

The *American* jewellery market is somewhat different from ours. In Britain, where sales of gold jewellery predominate, Ratners' formula for success has been to produce low-cost gold items by beating out the gold, making it go further.

In the US, 65 per cent of *turnover is diamonds*, a substance which is not responsive to such treatment. But Americans tend to spend more on jewellery and the market is estimated to be worth $20 billion (£12.5 billion) compared with £1.5 billion in Britain. And the market is still very fragmented, with many small family-owned stores ripe for acquisition.

Ratners' original acquisition, Sterling, is an efficiently-run operation, and the Sterling American management is running the US business, and assembling acquisitions.

Adding Westhall will give economies of scale and further operating efficiencies since both companies operate out of Akron, Ohio. Ratners will concentrate on uniform pricing, central buying of gems and putting Sterling's credit system into Westhall.

Not that Ratners has in any way exhausted *its* British opportunities. The market is still expanding, and Mr Ratner still only has a 20 per cent share, which he aims to *take to 40 per cent in two or* three years.

To achieve this sort of market share, more trading names are needed to add to Ratners, *H* Samuel and Terry's. Ernest Jones, acquired just after the half-year, will continue to trade under its own name, but the shops *will be reformatted* to conform with Ratners' merchandising policy.

The half-year result puts the group well on course to make £53 million in the full year. The prospective p/e of 17 undervalues the growth prospects of the group which deserves a premium rating to the sector.

Bryant Holdings

With a trendy corporate logo, luxurious profit margins and a revitalized management team, Bryant Holdings, soon *to be simply called Bryant* Group, is scarcely recognizable from the unremarkable company which attracted English China Clays' attention last year.

But the honing of a company after escaping a hostile bid is a well recognized phenomenon.

As promised, the assets have been sweating, but the buoyancy of the important housing market helped. Operating profits from this source contibuted more than £19 million of the group's £29 million.

Completions remained unchanged at 2,000, but prices rose by 30 per cent to *£61,000*, reflecting overall price rises as well as a changing mix of product and region. Land sales profits added *£2 million.*

The property development programme continues apace, with the first £3 million profit, of an anticipated total of £15.7 million, from The Pavillions retail scheme in Birmingham, taken into last year's profits.

Bryant is in the comfortable position of having made this year's profit forecast last year, so City pencils are working hard to fix on a number for 1987/88.

Pretax profits of £35 million are achievable, putting the shares on an undemanding multiple of 12.4 times.

ECC — *sitting on a 29.9 per* cent stake — and the beneficiaries of the Bryant Pension Fund, which became a shareholder for the first time in the closing days *of* the bid, should be well pleased with the return they are earning.

It is worth waiting until after Christmas when ECC is *free to bid again.*

Caution at Minet

First-half results from the big insurance brokers tell a tale of increasing capacity and softening rates similar to that in North America.

Minet Holdings has a much lower exposure than some other brokers to property and casualty insurance, where the worst rate falls have occurred. It has managed to avoid a profits decline, but is cautious about prospects for the future.

A high proportion of Minet's brokerage comes from professional indemnity, where it is managing to hold its own. The all-important accountants' business was renewed in June with some placed directly in London and some going to captive insurance companies set up by Minet.

More capacity is coming into the the middle layers of cover in the professional indemnity market, but as yet rates have not started to fall. Capacity shortages remain at the higher levels of cover, but Minet is still managing to place more business than it did last year.

Expenses rose 14.2 per cent and brokerage only 9.6 per cent. The rise in expenses was due mainly to an influx of new staff at the end of last year. In the second half the rise in expenses should level off.

Full-year pretax profits are expected at about £39 million against £36.2 million, giving a prospective p/e ratio of 13½. The shares fell 14p to 406p yesterday on disappointement with the interims.

The p/e is not demanding, but insurance brokers are not a popular sector at the moment, unless they are identified as bid targets.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 21	October 2	December 17	January 4

Call options were taken out on: 22/9/87 Rotaprint, Argyle Trust, Goodwin, T Cowie, Ennex, Aitken Hume, Barratt Devs., Greenwich Res., Control Secs., Astra Holdings, Blacks Leisure, Tie Rack, Eagle Trust.
Puts: New Cavendish Estates, Astra Holdings.
Put & Call: Barratt Devs.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10¼ Low 9½
Week fixed: 9¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 9 25/32 — 2 mnth 9 23/32
3 mnth 9¾ — 3 mnth 9 11/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9 27/32-9¾ — 2 mnth 9 13/16-9¾
3 mnth 9 29/32-9 27/32 — 6 mnth 9 23/32-9 21/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 5/16 — 2 mnth 10 1/16
3 mnth 10 13/32 — 6 mnth 10 11/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10 close 10
1 week 9 15/16-9 13/16 — 6 mnth 10¼-10⅛
1 mnth 9 15/16-9 13/16 — 9 mnth 10⅜-10¼
3 mnth 10 1/16-10 — 12 mth 10 7/16-10 5/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9⅞ — 7 days 9⅞
1 mnth 9⅞ — 3 mnth 9⅞
6 mnth 10⅛ — 12 mth 10¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 9⅞-9⅝ — 2 mnth 10-9⅞
3 mnth 10-9⅞ — 6 mnth 10¼-10
9 mnth 10 7/16-10¼ — 12 mth 10½-10¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9 13/16-9 11/16 — *3 mnth 10⅛-9⅞*
6 mnth 10⅜-10 — 12 mth 10¼-10⅛

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.50-7.45 — 3 mnth 7.60-7.55
6 mnth 7.95-7.90 — 12 mth 8.60-8.55

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 7 9/16-7 5/16 — call 7¾-6¾
3 mnth 7⅞-7½ — 1 mnth 7⅝-7½
6 mnth 8-7⅞

Deutschemark
7 days 4 3/16-4 1/16 — call 4-3
3 mnth 4⅛-4 — 1 mnth 4⅛-4
6 mnth 4⅜-4¼

French Franc
7 days 7 7/16-7 5/16 — call 7½-6½
3 mnth 8 1/16-7 15/16 — 1 mnth 7 11/16-7 9/16
6 mnth 8⅜-8¼

Swiss Franc
7 days 9½-9¼ — call 1½-½
3 mnth 3⅝-3½ — 1 mnth 3⅝-3½
6 mnth 4⅜-4 3/16

Yen
7 days 5⅝-5½ — call 3⅜-2⅞
3 mnth 4½-4⅜ — 1 mnth 4½-4⅜
6 mnth 4⅝-4½

BULLION

Gold:$461.00-461.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $459.75-463.75 (£279.75-281.25)

Mapleleaf (per 1 ounce coin): $474.00-479.00 (£288.50-291.50)

Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $108.50-109.50 (£66.00-66.75)

Platinum $589.90 (£358.95)

Silver $7.5800-7.6000 (£4.6100-4.6250)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates for period September 23, 1987 to October 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. *Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent.* Reference rate for period August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
Adscene Gp (110p)	111 −2
Alexander Walter	253
BAA (245p) (aa)	140 −2
Britannia Gp	173 +4
Babygro	156
Cauldon	36 −½
Cook (DC) (92p)	240 −15
Corporate Prop	83
Debenham Tewson	221 −2
Derwent Valley	710
Dolphin Packg (106p)	147 +4
Econ Forestry	118
Glamar Gp	241
Guidehouse	125 +5
Harland Simon	211 −3
Kentish Prop (185p)	246
Kingsgrange (140p)	200
Kingston Oil (100p)	118 −3
Knobs Knockers	145
Lancaster (165p)	218 −7
March Group	180
Pickwick	222
Rolls-Royce (170p)	201 −3
Ross Consumer (165p)	223
Rural Plan	91
Shelton (Martin) (63p)	79 −1
UPL Gp	161 −5
USDC Inv	191 +1
Zetters Leis	160
RIGHTS ISSUES	
AB Elect N/P	116 −2
Amal Fin N/P	89 −9
BOM N/P	10
Blue Arrow N/P	¼ −¼
Bowater N/P	42 −3
Christies Hunt N/P	4½ −1½
Collins W 'a' N/P	108 −6
Collins W N/P	60 −10
Inoco N/P	12
Property Tst N/P	4½

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	3,187	Cadbury	1,195	L&G	1,916	Sainsbury	3,016
Alld-Lyons	744	Coats	629	Lloyds	977	Scot & N	558
Amstrad	1,336	CU	3,144	Lonrho	4,006	Sears	3,497
ASDA	1,242	Cons Gold	1,141	Lucas	436	Sedgwick	639
AB Foods	27	Cookson	358	M&S	7,768	Shell	2,083
Argyll	1,200	Courtaulds	529	MEPC	531	Smith & N	1,634
BAA	1,790	Dalgety	127	Metal Box	1,323	STC	2,711
BET	2,919	Dee	4,559	Midland	4,218	Stan Chart	146
BTR	4,384	Dixons	741	NatWest	1,475	Storehouse	3,916
BAT	2,981	ECC	1,132	Next	2,397	Sun Allnce	15
Barclays	2,041	Fisons	1,680	P&O	688	T & N	937
Bass	578	Gen Acc	135	Pearl	975	Tarmac	3,934
Beecham	3,039	GEC	3,947	Pearson	912	TSB	3,200
BICC	607	Glaxo	821	Pilkington	4,756	Tesco	3,170
Blue Circle	892	Globe	2,030	Plessey	14,651	Thorn EMI	3,138
BOC	1,052	Granada	199	Prudential	720	Trafalgar	1,250
Boots	2,594	Grand Met	743	Racal	3,057	THF	2,270
BPB	1,423	GUS 'A'	182	Rk Hovis	1,278	Ultramar	761
Br Aero	2,024	GRE	163	Rank	515	Unigate	861
Br Airways	2,798	GKN	1,613	R&C	619	Unilever	759
Br Comm	1,314	Guinness	1,261	Redland	602	United Bis	323
Br Gas	6,297	Hamm 'A'	76	Reed	396	Utd News	1,355
Br Petrol	7,092	Hanson	4,315	Reuters	690	Wellcome	1,320
BPCC	615	Hawker	288	RMC Gp	935	Whitbrd	1,576
Br Telecm	5,790	Hillsdown	1,950	RTZ	331	Willis Fab	221
Britoil	1,732	ICI	811	R-Royce	4,800	Woolworth	809
Bunzl	288	Jaguar	513	Rowntree	141		
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Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Ordinary shares in Alba plc, issued and now being issued, to be admitted to the Official List. It is expected that admission to the Official List will become effective and that dealings will commence on Thursday, 1st October 1987.

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(Incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1948: number 756128)

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and during usual business hours on 23rd and 24th September 1987 from The Company Announcements Office, The Stock Exchange, Throgmorton Street, London EC2P 2BT.

23rd September 1987

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1987 Rights Issue
Stockholders are notified that the closing date for applications for shares of the above issue has been extended from September 21, 1987 to Wednesday, September 30, 1987. The last day of rights trading has also been extended to September 30, 1987.

Reminder
Those stockholders who have not already accepted or renounced their rights are reminded that, to benefit from the issue, they must either accept their entitlement or renounce their entitlement or partly one and partly the other no later than 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 1987.

Stockholders who have not received in the post their offer documents in relation to the issue are urged to contact the Bank's London Office on (01) 606 8070 or facsimile (01) 588 8356.

R.J. Barnier
Secretary

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City of Westminster

TENDER LIST FOR THE PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES ON HOUSING ESTATES

The City Council will be inviting selected companies to tender for cleaning services to housing estates in the Pimlico area (approximately 5,000 properties).

This is the first of four tenders across the City and each will involve providing a 7 days a week all year round cleaning service to common parts of housing estates.

From 30 October 1987 to 11 December 1987 a detailed specification for this work (which is still to be formally approved by the Council) can be inspected at the address below between 9.00am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday. During that period, any person wishing to obtain a copy of the detailed specification may obtain one from Mr P Wilson at the address below on payment of £150.

It is the Council's intention to invite selected companies to tender for this work and these invitations will be issued on or soon after 14 December 1987.

If you consider your company can meet the challenge of providing the extensive range of services required to the highest standards you are invited to write to:

Ken Hackney, Divisional Director of Housing
83 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HW

providing details of your experience in the field of cleaning services together with a list of senior personnel and details of their experience and professional qualifications.

Applications must be received by 11 December 1987.

For a detailed specification write to:

Mr P Wilson, District Housing Office 1
137 Lupus Street, London SW1

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Van Gogh helps lift Christies Int profits by 153 per cent

By Alexandra Jackson

Christies International, the auctioneer, made £18.3 million pretax profit in the first half of 1987, equal to its profits for all 1986 and 153 per cent ahead of the first half of last year.

Sales rose by 76 per cent to £316 million. The interim dividend was doubled to 3p reflecting these good results.

The overall strength of the world art market underpinned the Christies performance, but several million pounds of exceptional profits are understood to have been earned from the sale during the period of two paintings by Vincent Van Gogh, *Sunflowers* and *Le Pont de Trinquetaille*, which realized £24.8 million and £12.7 million respectively.

Mr John Floyd, group chairman, reported that the second half has started well, but he gave a warning that it would be unrealistic to expect sales to remain at the level experienced in the first half.

Reflecting relative caution for the second half, City analysts are forecasting pretax profits for the year of around £29 million.

Christies has a strong balance sheet and is ungeared. It is redeploying some of its money in strengthening its New York business by adding 14,000 sq ft, costing $4.7 million (£2.9 million), to its saleroom there. Europe and the Far East offer the most exciting prospects for growth elsewhere.

However, with the exception of an embryonic property auctioneering business in the United States, Christies is unlikely to diversify away from its principal fine art agency business.

Christies views the anticipated return to the stock market of its fellow auctioneer, Sotheby's, favourably. Christies is, at present, the only quoted auctioneer, making meaningful valuation of the company's shares difficult. Even so, this year the Christie's shares have more than doubled, rising from 320p to 715p.

Despite speculation to the contrary, there are no plans to change the current management structure at Christies. Mr Floyd and his deputy, Mr Guy Hannen, are both in their early 60s and have no immediate plans to hand over the reins to younger men, neither do they yet intend to sell any of their shares. Christies does not require directors to retire at a predetermined age.

In the event of a hostile bid for the group, directors and associated trusts hold 22 per cent of the equity. Two other sizeable blocks of shares, bringing the total in supposedly friendly hands up to 40 per cent, are owned by Sheikh Nasser of Kuwait and Mrs Vivien Duffield, daughter of the late Sir Charles Clore.

Catering for the car's needs: Tom Farmer of Kwik-Fit

Protest as paper cost rises again

By Colin Narbrough

Outraged at the third increase in a year in the price of newsprint, the newspaper industry yesterday called on the Office of Fair Trading to investigate a possible international pricing cartel.

Mr John LePage, director of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, said he had provided OFT officials with a great deal of information about the way the paper producers have operated pricing policy.

The move followed the announcement by Swedish and Norwegian mills that they intend to raise the price they charge for newsprint by 6.25 per cent from January 1.

This would bring the increase over 12 months to a "swingeing" 23.5 per cent, Mr LePage noted, adding that all other big suppliers – the Finns, Canadians and British mills – were expected to match the latest price rise, in keeping with past practice.

The newsprint rise is estimated to increase the newspaper industry's costs by £35 million and could force papers to raise cover prices.

In an angry statement, the NPA's newspaper raw materials committee accused the paper mills of "cashing in" on a sellers' market.

Press Papers, the British agent for newsprint from Sweden and Norway, said it anticipated that the market would follow its lead on prices.

The company blames higher raw material costs for the fresh price increase, but the NPA points out that in the current climate of low inflation, the price rises this year appear to bear no relationship to real costs.

Wood prices have risen by only 5 per cent and wage increases in Scandinavia do not exceed 4 to 5 per cent a year. Exchange rates are also favourable.

Clyde Petroleum climbs to £2.3m

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Clyde Petroleum, a small, independent oil company formed at the start of North Sea oil activity, has reported half-year profits to end-June of £2.3 million, compared with a loss of £1.1 million previously.

The company has taken a conservative view of its taxation liabilities, which could be cancelled by increased drilling activity in the second half. Profits could thus rise further.

Clyde has shrugged off the effect of the slump in world oil prices and is poised to take part in predicted renewed activity in the North Sea.

Most oil company shares have been affected by uncertainty over world oil prices after the latest events in the Gulf, although Clyde shares went against the trend and rose 2p to 121.5p.

It has a 10 per cent stake in the 9/18 block in the North Sea, on which Kerr McGee has recently found what could be substantial amounts of oil. Further drilling is needed to ascertain the size of the discovery.

Clyde is worth about £200 million, a size which is less attractive to predators. These could include British Gas.

Clyde, however, is on the look-out for further investments. It already has a 21.7 per cent stake in its competitor Goal Petroleum.

Dr Colin Phipps, chairman, said: "These interim results confirm we have emerged from this difficult period with a strengthened financial position. We have already seen the first positive results from our active exploration thrust and I am confident that we are well placed for more good news in the future."

Kwik-Fit drives away with £8.03m

By Joe Joseph

Kwik-Fit Holdings, Europe's largest independent retailer of tyres and car parts, yesterday reported record profits for the first half and announced it will shortly add another 25 sites to its 359-strong chain of car repair outlets.

Pretax profits climbed from £5.35 million to £8.03 million in the six months to August 31, on sales of £69.92 million, leaving Kwik-Fit on course to meet analysts' forecasts of £14 million to £15 million profit for the full year.

Earnings per share rose 50 per cent to 9.46p, while the halfway dividend is up a quarter at 1.25p.

Mr Tom Farmer, Kwik-Fit's chairman and chief executive, said, "We've got the formula right. We've got margins under control, high motivation amongst our staff and we've got the confidence of our customers."

He said Kwik-Fit's extensive staff training programmes had paid off in customer loyalty, and the company was looking for ways to sell additional services

An early contender is a national brake repair service, a market worth about £200 million a year, according to Kwik-Fit. On the horizon is a fuller service, catering for all a car's needs from the showroom to the scrap heap, though Mr Farmer says these are unlikely within the next five years

Kwik-Fit says its fleet sales division set up in January to capitalize on the 25 per cent of company-owned cars in Britain, has already captured a meaty share of the tyre and exhaust replacement business.

Yule Catto profits leap 32%

By Alison Eadie

Yule Catto, the speciality chemicals, building products and plantations group, made taxable profits of £6.5 million in the half year to end June, a rise of 32.7 per cent. Turnover was 17.5 per cent higher.

There was no contribution from Reabrook, the consumer chemicals company bought for £17 million in June.

Yule Catto is still hungry for acquisitions. It will announce three small purchases worth a total of £5 million during the next few weeks, the largest is worth about £3.5 million.

Mr Alex Walker, the chief executive, said future acquisitions were likely to be in the private sector

The interim dividend was raised to 5p from 3p.

Buy prompts 25% drop at Oriflame

By Alison Eadie

Pretax profits at Oriflame International, the direct sale cosmetics and retail jewellery group, fell 25 per cent to £2.4 million in the half-year to end-June.

This was due to the financing costs of acquiring Goldsmiths Group for £42 million in February. A £1.3 million interest charge was incurred against interest payable of £1 million in the first half of 1986.

Mr Jonas af Jochnick, chairman, said operating profits were 57 per cent higher, or 44 per cent excluding Goldsmiths.

The recent sale for £35 million of Goldsmiths' hotel and insurance divisions will reduce the financing charge and give nil gearing by the year-end.

Mr Af Jochnick said future growth was expected from internal expansion of cosmetics and jewellery rather than by acquisition.

Most of Northern Europe is covered by Oriflame's cosmetics sales force, although incursions have been made during the past two years into Canada, the United States, Thailand and the Philippines.

Goldsmiths expects to expand its 113 jewellery shops by about 20 a year to an expected total of 250.

It is not concerned over Ratners' and Next's jewellery expansions as it is at the upper end of the market.

The City is looking for 15-month profits to end-March of £10.1 million, compared with £7.4 million in the 12 months to December. The interim dividend was raised to 3p

Brazil to change strategy on debts

From Mac Margolis Rio de Janeiro

Brazil's minister of finance, whose radical debt relief proposal was rejected by creditors last month, is expected to try again with a more traditional approach on Friday when talks resume with foreign bankers in New York.

Senhor Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira has kept details of this second round strategy secret, speaking only to President José Sarney and his top economic officials, and to the Senate in a closed door session on Monday.

However, in broad terms, Senhor Bresser will reportedly press for lower spreads on Brazil's $110 billion (£66.6 billion) debt and long-term refinancing of all principal due (about $87 billion) over the next five years.

Under pressure from the centre-left Brazilian Democratic Movement Party, he said he would insist on negotiating directly with the country's 700 creditor banks, without interference from the International Monetary Fund.

Last month, before talks with creditors and officials in Washington, Senhor Bresser spoke about plans to convert half the debt into "exit bonds" at about 65 cents to the dollar, the discount fixed by the so-called secondary debt market.

The bonds would be securitized by an international guarantor, such as the International Monetary Fund.

However, Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, called the proposal "a non-starter", and creditors feared it would start an avalanche of write-offs.

Senhor Bresser has said he will maintain the proposal, but this time as an option to convert some debt to bonds, much as Argentina did in recent debt negotiations.

After attracting internal and foreign criticism for the earlier proposal, Senhor Bresser's negotiating hand has now been streghened by news of the recent economic improvement

Since February, when Brazil suspended payments on debt to commercial banks, plunging foreign currency reserves have risen again, to above $4 billion, and the August trade surplus was a record $1.43 billion.

After a three-month price freeze, inflation rose to about 6 per cent this month, still high by the standards of industrialized countries but much lower than some doomsayers predicted.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Gilt market ready for auctioneer's hammer

American-style auctions breed American-style tactics. In preparation for the second of the Bank of England's experimental gilt auctions, the market-makers appear to have tried to adopt the familiar Wall Street tactic of forcing prices lower in the hope of securing a cheaper auction price.

The attempt, while producing a soggy start to the week for the gilt market, was abandoned yesterday at lunchtime. Gilts recovered, with the "when issued" price of the auction stock – Treasury 9 per cent 2008 – rising to 54¾, where it was yielding a touch below 9.6 per cent.

Everything is set fair for the auction, and the £800 million of stock on offer should be absorbed comfortably. The main question is the degree of retail and, perhaps more importantly, foreign interest. With the auction out of the way, gilts should move higher in the short term, barring disasters in the August trade figures which will be released tomorrow.

Looking a little further out, the prospect is not exciting. The Bundesbank yesterday announced a new 28-day securities repurchase pact at a minimum interest rate of 3.5 per cent. This is below the fixed 3.6 per cent rate on the previous pact but the striking interest rate is likely to be above it. The suspicion – denied by the Bundesbank – is of a subtle monetary tightening in Germany.

Although it is early days in the run-up to the Autumn Statement, signs are emerging of a substantial rise in public spending next year over and above the £154.2 billion planning total. The City may be inclined to look at the public sector borrowing requirement and conclude that all is well. But higher public spending at the top of the cycle establishes a base-line for spending in years when it may be less affordable.

Maxwell's new twist

The tale of Guinness Peat takes on a new twist almost daily. Robert Maxwell, the publisher, who has a refined instinct for an unstable situation, in addition to great energy and the power of instant decision, yesterday put his shareholding in Guinness Peat at just below 15 per cent (while in the other hand, he held a newly acquired 2.3 per cent of Storehouse). For good measure – and not without reason – he ridiculed the claim of the New Zealand bidders, Equiticorp, that with 40 per cent of the stock, they already had control of Guinness Peat. The Bank of England, Mr Maxwell pointed out, had not yet deemed Equiticorp, at least publicly, "fit and proper" owners of a UK bank. This criterion would, of course, have to be applied to Mr Maxwell were he to acquire control of Guinness Peat – an ambition he also confessed to yesterday, but in a manner which fell short of a declared intention to bid and thus outside the rules of the Takeover Panel.

Hence, at the end of the day, no answers had been given to the interesting questions hovering above this bizarre situation. True, there is not much interest, and even less concern, in the City at large in the fate of Guinness Peat. The important thing is that it should be settled, cleanly and decisively; the feuding and in-fighting brought to an end; and a strengthened management put in place and left to get on with the business. Part of Equiticorp's confidence comes from the support of Lord Kissin, with 5.6 per cent of the shares; but part of the price of his support is the departure of Alastair Morton, GP's powerful head. It is, however, questionable whether Equiticorp has the will, even if it has the skill, to become applied merchant bankers. If the New Zealand company were to remain only a substantial minority shareholder, it would be confronted with a messy and difficult situation.

The word is that Mr Morton will leave GP, whatever the outcome of the bid. Perhaps. What is Mr Maxwell's current relationship with Mr Morton, bearing in mind that he thwarted Mr Morton's bid to acquire Britannia Arrow, with not a little help from Lord Kissin? And the most intriguing question of all: why should Mr Maxwell want to own a bank? Possibly he does not but merely bought into GP initially believing that Equiticorp would raise its bid at least to something like the present price.

A bank can have magnetic attractions for an industrialist. If he has substantial funds derived from strong cash flows and heavy surpluses, he may be able to deploy them to better advantage at his "own" bank. Conversely, he might find money easier to come by? And if he is active in the stock market, the placing power of even a small merchant bank might prove useful. In fact, three strong reasons why banks are better not controlled by industrialists.

Market segmentation

John Quinton, the new chairman, is wasting little time in trying to win back Barclays' old position, although NatWest has pulled ahead so fast that catching up will not be easy. Barclays simply wants to sell more products and services and make its cost-base work harder. This is called market segmentation.

The logic of market segmentation is that by specializing its particular staff to sell particular products the bank can provide its clients with a better service and a harder sell. Barclays aims to save some £5 million next year in reduced costs from the restructuring, but the main purpose is to rebuild market share. All the clearers have bowed before the altar of market segmentation with varying success. Midland Bank was one of the first to provide its corporate customers with specialized staff to service them. Unfortunately, it caused considerable bad feeling among clients by obliging them to move their accounts to new offices. Many did not like the severing of old relationships and some changed banks. Barclays and NatWest do not insist that clients make the change

The withdrawal of important and profitable corporate accounts from local branches has contributed to the severe drop in morale among Midland's branch staff. It remains low as the board under Sir Kit McMahon drives toward greater centralization to compensate for the appalling errors made in recent years – at the centre.

The other banks cannot be immune from this danger. The traditional branch manager is effectively being downgraded to the status of retail salesman and account administrator. No longer will he be the respected figure on the high street or even command the same respect within his own organization and locality.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

BR breakfast milk-sop

Early morning long-distance train commuters who may have been disappointed by the withdrawal of milk from British Rail's breakfast menu should not be without their daily glass for long. Sir Peter Vanneck, Euro-MP for Cleveland and North Yorkshire, was so outraged at being refused a glass of milk on a recent trip down to London that he has, I hear, written to the head of BR and the chairman of the Milk Marketing Board, urging them, in the strongest possible terms, to return milk to the menu. "The failure of BR to supply milk comes at a time of worries over huge dairy surpluses in the EEC and milk quota worries among British farmers," he says.

Dreams of a Dulwich housewife

Bad news for Sir Lawrie Barratt. The handsome neo-Georgian Barratt Developments house in Dulwich Gate, bought by the Thatchers amid a blaze of publicity when the company was going through a rocky patch two years ago, is apparently far from being Maggie's dream home. Chatting informally at a fund-raising cocktail party for the Newspaper Press Fund – a charity for journalists founded by the legendary journalist-turned-author Charles Dickens – at Australia House on Monday night, the woman who is assumed to have everything revealed that she has always wanted to live in Knightsbridge, but could never afford it. Escorted by co-hosts Doug McClelland, the Australian High Commissioner, and the fund's 1987 appeals chairman Bruce Matthews, until recently managing director of News International and now busily building a business empire of his own, the PM said that when she and Denis sold their first London home overlooking Flood Street, Chelsea, for £4,000, to buy their subsequent Flood Street home for £6,000, she looked wistfully at Knightsbridge properties but they were "too expensive." With Flood Street houses now selling for more than £300,000, another fund supporter said he had just bought a leasehold Knightsbridge property for about that sum. Allowing a rare and revealing glimpse of her innermost personality the PM retorted sharply, "I would never touch a leasehold property, not after having had freeholds."

● **If you are not on the coveted Christmas card list of Spring Ram, the deluxe bathroom people, start making up to them now. For the third year running, Spring Ram is sending its chums a signed limited edition print of an oil painting by Yorkshire artist Peter Brook. They are already, I'm told, changing hands in Huddersfield for £39.99, and could be worth much more by the end of the year.**

Ex-Citi

Can it be purely coincidence that Citicorp, the American investment bank, has lost three of its senior executives in almost as many weeks? It is perhaps significant that all three have opted out of banking. Glen Moreno, its group executive in charge of investment banking, is leaving to run the British arm of privately-owned American unit trust group Fidelity; Charles Young, responsible for all UK corporate banking activity, is going off to head the British subsidiary of Canadian property group Olympia and York – the developers of Canary Wharf – and now, his colleague, Chris Leslie, a fellow director of the bank's UK board, is to become a director of executive search agent Whitehead Mann.

MOTHER AND I ARE NOT GOING TO LIKE LIVING UP HERE ALL THE TIME.
POLL TAX

Finding his Barings

The appointment of Egyptian-born Mohamed Younes as chairman of Baring Brothers New York outpost, is something of a coup for the British merchant bank. Cosmopolitan Younes – educated in Cairo and then Edinburgh University and Harvard – was formerly chairman of the international division of Kidder Peabody, one of the largest and most prestigious investment banks in the US. An establishment figure, Younes caused something of a stir in Wall Street when he "retired" at the age of 49 in February. His recruitment by Barings is on a part-time but executive basis – he is, I hear, reserving a few hours a week to continue with his own private client investment business. Meanwhile, back in Britain, Barings, which has wisely steered clear of UK market making, could be forgiven for crowing – not that it is – over the demise of some of its larger rivals. With a record of not having lost a bid defence for more than two years, its men have been fully stretched this week buying Laing & Cruickshank for Credit Lyonnais, International Signal for Ferranti, defending Equity and Law and, perhaps imminently, Pearson.

● **Surely the most expensive typewriter ever. The portable Remington machine used by Adolf Hitler whilst in prison in the 1920s to write *Mein Kampf*, is expected to fetch more than £20,000 when auctioned in Munich in November.**

Carol Leonard

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Curtiss Wri	66	68⅛
Data Genl	30⅝	30½
Deere Co	36⅝	36⅝
Delta Airl	50⅝	50½
Detroit Edi	14⅝	14⅜
Digital Eq	182½	188
Disney	72⅜	73⅞
Dow Chem	97⅜	98
Dressr Ind	32⅜	32⅝
Dupont	110⅜	111½
Duke Pwr	44½	45½
East Kodak	98⅝	99⅜
Eaton Cp	95	96⅝
Emerson El	38⅝	39½
Emery Air	9⅝	10⅛
Exxon	46⅝	46
Farah Inc	14	14
Fedders	8⅝	8¾
Firestone	45⅝	45⅜
Fst Chicago	28	28⅛
Fst Int Bncp	55	54½
Fst Penn C	10	10⅛
FT Wachva	38	38⅛
Ford Motor	101⅜	103⅜
GAF Cp	65⅞	66
GTE Cp	40⅝	40½
Gen Cp	106½	107
Gn Dynam	69⅜	69⅜
Gen Electric	59⅝	59¾
Gen Inst	43⅜	45⅝
Gen Mills	55½	57⅜
Gen Motors	85	85½
Gen Pub Ut	27	27⅜
Genesco	5⅜	6
George Pac	41	42⅜
Gillette	41¼	41⅜
Goodrich	58	59⅛
Goodyear	67⅞	69⅝
Gould Inc	22⅝	22⅞
Grace Co	67	68⅜
Grt Atl Pac	39⅜	41½
Greyhnd	40⅝	41⅞
Gruman	27⅝	27½
Gulf & West	83⅝	84⅝
Heinz	48⅛	48⅜
Hercules	58¾	61⅞
Hewlett Pk	65⅜	64¼
Honeywell	77¾	78⅜
IC Ind	33⅞	34⅜
ITT Cp	59½	60
INCO	21⅝	21¼
Ing Rand Wi	43⅝	43⅛
Inland Steel	32¼	32⅝
IBM	150½	155⅜
Int Paper	47⅝	48⅛
Irving Bk	50⅜	50⅜
Jhsn & Jhsn	90	92⅝
K Mart	39⅝	40
Kaisertech	20½	20⅞
Kerr McGee	40⅜	41⅜
Kimbrly Clrk	55⅜	56⅞
Kraft	55⅝	55½
Kroger	33⅜	33⅞
LTV Cp	4⅜	4
Litton	99	99⅜
Lockheed	52⅝	54⅞
Lucky Str	32¼	32⅜
Man H'nver	38⅝	39
Manville	3⅜	3⅜
Mapco	56	57
Marine Mid	81⅜	81⅝
Mt Marrieta	53¼	53⅛
Masco	33⅜	33⅜
Mcdonalds	53⅞	54½
McDonnell	75⅝	75½
Mead Cp	42⅜	43⅞
Merck	198½	202⅜
Minsta Mng	76⅞	76⅝
Mobil	46⅝	45⅛
Monsanto	88⅝	90
Morgan Jp	45¾	46½
Motorola	66½	66½
NCR	79⅝	80
NL Indstrs	9⅝	9½
Nat Distill	76⅜	76⅞
Nat Md Ent	25⅜	25⅞
Nat Semi	17⅜	17⅜
Norfolk Sth	32⅝	33⅞
NW Bancrp	45¼	45½
Occid Petl	34¾	34
Ogden Cp	40	38⅝
Olin Cp	52⅝	53⅝
PPG Ind	45½	46⅜
Pac Gas El	18½	18⅝
Pan Am	4⅜	4⅜
Penney JC	52⅞	55⅜
Pennzoil	69	70⅝
Pepsico	38	38⅝
Pfizer	68⅜	68⅜
Phelps Dod	52⅜	54
Philip Mor	109⅜	110⅝
Philip Ptrl	16	16⅛
Polaroid	34¼	34⅝
Primerica	44½	44⅜
Proct Gble	95¼	97
Pub S E G	23⅛	23⅝
Raytheon	79	80⅜
Rynlds Metl	53½	53⅞
Rockwell Int	25⅝	26⅞
Royal Dutch	124⅜	127
SFE Sopac	56¼	58⅝
Sara Lee	43⅝	45
Schlumb	45⅜	45⅝
Scott Pap	81½	83⅝
Seagram	74⅜	74¼
Sears Roeb	51	51⅝
Shell Trans	87¼	89⅝
Singer	57	55
Smith Beck	55½	58⅜
Sony Cp	34⅝	35⅝
Sth Cal Edi	31⅞	31⅜
SW Bell	40	40
Squibb	94	97⅝
Sterl Drug	59½	60⅜
Stevens JP	38⅝	40⅜
Sun Comp	57⅝	57⅜
TRW Inc	61	62⅝
Teledyne	362½	365
Tenneco	55⅝	55⅜
Texaco	39⅝	40
Tex Eastn	34⅝	35⅜
Texas Inst	72	72⅜
Tex Util	31⅛	31⅛
Textron	31⅜	32½
Travelers	43⅞	43⅝
USG	39⅜	41⅜
USX Cp	35⅝	35⅞
Unilever Plc	41⅞	42⅝
Un Carbide	27½	27⅜
Un Pac Cp	77⅞	77⅝
Unisys Cp	42⅝	42⅝
Utd Brands	38½	39
Utd Tech	54⅝	54
Unocal	35⅝	35⅜
Walter Jim	59⅝	59⅝
Warn Lamb	81⅝	83
Wells Far	53⅝	53⅜
Westg El	67	67⅝
Weyerhsr	50½	51⅝
Whirlpool	38	37⅜
Woolworth	48⅝	49⅝
Xerox Cp	78⅜	78⅜
Zenith	26⅝	26½

CANADIAN PRICES

	Sep 21	Sep 18
Agnico Eag	35⅝	35⅜
Alcan Alum	46⅜	45½
Algoma Stl	19⅛	19⅜
Can Pacific	27	27⅝
Cominco	21½	21⅝
Con Bathrst	19⅝	19⅜
Hawk S Can	29	29
Hud Bay M	23½	23⅜
Imasco	34⅜	34⅝
Imperial Oil	73	73⅜
Int Pipe	50⅜	51½
Royl Trstco	15⅝	16⅝
Seagram	97⅜	97⅜
Shelco 'A'	25⅜	25⅜
Thmsn N 'A'	30½	31¼
Varity Cp	3.30	3.30
WCT	16⅜	16⅜
Weston	41⅝	41½

WALL STREET

Setback for Dow in early trade

New York (Reuter) – Shares headed lower in early trading after a lukewarm spell of bargain hunting in blue chips.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed down 31.82 points at 2,492.82 on Monday, continued to fall shortly after the opening and at one stage was down 15.83 points atat 2,476.99 before recovering slightly to 2,489.39. Declining issues continued to hold their lead over advancing issues.

Newmont Mining went ahead 2¼ to 96¼ after adopting a restructuring plan to fend of Ivanhoe's takeover bid.

● *Dallas* (Reuter) – Texas Instruments said yesterday that the International Trade Commission has ruled its semiconductor patents were infringed by Samsung Electronics and excluded the South Korean company's unlicensed products from the US market.

Texas Instruments also said it reached a patent licensing agreement with NEC Corp, dismissing that company from Texas Instruments' lawsuit *pending in a federal district* court in Dallas and the US company from the lawsuit NEC initiated in the Tokyo district court.

Texas Instruments said the NEC agreement leaves Samsung as the sole defendant in the Dallas action.

IN BRIEF

BSI interim profit jump

British Syphon Industries is paying an interim dividend of 1.84p (1.67p) on November 5, for the half-year to June 30. Pretax profit jumped to £2.2 million from *£808,000 on* sales up from £44.41 million to £69.59 million. Earnings per share reached 5.7p (2.6p). Agreement has been reached in principle to acquire RP Polythene, a supplier of packaging materials to industrial customers. The consideration will be a maximum of £800,000.

£2.5m deal

Terms have been agreed by Owen & Robinson for the acquisition of D Russell (London), D Russell (Financial Services) and D Russell (Manufacturing). The consideration, to be *satisfied by 277,777* new ordinary shares, will be about £2.5 million.

Antler payment

Antler, the *luggage* and travel goods group, is paying an interim dividend of 1.3p for the first half of 1987. There was a single payment of 2p for 1986. Pretax profit rose from £520,000 to £550,000 on turnover up from £5.12 million to £5.57 million. Earnings per share reached 6.1p (5.4p).

Dividend doubled

RBC International Capital Fund is doubling its dividend for the six months to August 6 to 24 cents a share. Income from investments and bank deposits (net of withholding taxes) jumped to $693,281 (£421,000) from $315,473.

HR Travel names managing director

APPOINTMENTS

Hogg Robinson Travel: Mr Derek Jewson has been made managing director from October 1, succeeding Mr Brian Perry who remains chairman.

Philips Consumer Electronics: Mr Robert Martijnse is named as UK group managing director, succeeding Mr Justus Veeneklaas *who joins* the board of Consumer Electronics, Philips International BV.

County Potteries: Mr Paul Thompson becomes chairman; Mr John Barnish and Mr Chris Church are made directors; and Mr Oswald Dockery and Mr Charles Mitchell are named non-executive directors.

Munton Brothers: Mr Gordon Haynes and Mr Paul O'Brien are made directors.

Kavli: Mr Peter Bone becomes managing director and chief executive.

London Metal Exchange: Mr CJ Farrow joins the board.

Johnston Group: Mr Brian Trafford becomes group managing director, succeeding Mr Andrew Ferguson.

Portman Building Society: *Mr Michael Parkinson* becomes managing director.

Crawley Warren (Holdings): Mr Einion Holland joins the board.

Knoll: Mr Gordon Angell and Mr Kurt Sedlmeier join the board.

Abaco Investments: Mr Roger Morgan joins the board.

Grenson Shoes: Mr Brian Blackwell becomes merchandise and sales director designate and Mr Vaughan Thursby-Pelham is made finance director designate.

Gordon Angell: joins the board of Knoll

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	89.88	89.90	89.81	89.87	3701
Mar 88	89.96	89.99	89.91	89.95	569
Jun 88	89.86	89.89	89.84	89.88	160
Sep 88	NT	—	—	89.76	0
Dec 88	89.60	89.65	89.60	89.65	20
Mar 89	NT	—	—	89.56	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	89.46	0
Sep 89	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 15015

Three Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	91.70	91.74	91.67	91.72	5449
Mar 88	91.26	91.29	91.22	91.28	675
Jun 88	90.97	90.97	90.95	91.00	101
Sep 88	90.75	90.78	90.75	90.78	11
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.61	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.46	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	90.33	0

Previous day's total open interest 28235

US Treasury Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	82-17	82-26	82-07	82-26	7598
Mar 88	NT	—	—	81-30	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 6554

Long Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	116-15	116-15	116-15	116-15	100
Dec 87	116-01	116-14	115-24	116-10	24438
Mar 88	NT	—	—	116-13	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 88	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 30826

FT-SE 100	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	233.30	234.00	232.70	233.95	1844
Dec 87	237.80	238.85	237.50	238.80	1049

Previous day's total open interest 8342

Japanese Government Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	99.10	99.10	98.70	98.93	376
Mar 88	NT	—	—	98.48	0

Previous day's total open interest 769

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 73.1 (day's range 73.1-73.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	4.0777-4.0980
Australia dollar	2.2415-2.2451
Bahrain dinar	0.6195-0.6235
Brazil cruzado*	82.2194-82.8639
Cyprus pound	0.7830-0.7930
Finland marka	7.2050-7.2450
Greece drachma	227.50-229.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.8266-12.8362
India rupee	21.31-21.51
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4610-0.4650
Malaysia dollar	4.1485-4.1508
Mexico peso	2520.0-2570.0
New Zealand dollar	2.5441-2.5497
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1575-6.1975
Singapore dollar	3.4340-3.4379
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3892-5.3618
S Africa rand (com)	3.3623-3.3713
U A E dirham	6.0300-6.0700

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4760-1.4690
Singapore	2.0895-2.0905
Malaysia	2.5230-2.5240
Australia	0.7325-0.7332
Canada	1.3167-1.3177
Sweden	6.3875-6.3925
Norway	6.6525-6.6575
Denmark	6.9625-6.9675
West Germany	1.8181-1.8186
Switzerland	1.5058-1.5068
Netherlands	2.0450-2.0460
France	6.0600-6.0650
Japan	144.02-144.12
Italy	1312.0-1313.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.70-37.73
Hong Kong	7.8045-7.8055
Portugal	142.90-143.40
Spain	121.65-121.75
Austria	12.79-12.81

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 22	Market rates close September 22	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6430-1.6475	1.6430-1.6440	0.34-0.31prem	0.93-0.89prem
Montreal	2.1630-2.1689	2.1630-2.1660	0.19-0.09prem	0.34-0.23prem
Ams'dam	3.3599-3.3681	3.3598-3.3644	1⅞-1⅝prem	3⅞-3⅝prem
Brussels	61.96-62.14	61.96-62.08	19-17prem	52-49prem
C'phgen	11.4788-11.5012	11.4788-11.4940	⅛dis-⅛prem	⅛-1dis
Dublin	1.1121-1.1148	1.1130-1.1140	11-7prem	28-18prem
Frankfurt	2.9878-2.9935	2.9878-2.9921	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	234.87-236.33	234.87-235.83	51-169dis	265-351dis
Madrid	199.85-200.32	200.00-200.32	77-95dis	243-271dis
Milan	2156.03-2162.76	2156.03-260.63	4-7dis	18-20dis
Oslo	10.9226-10.9658	10.9226-10.9375	3⅝-4⅛dis	10⅝-11⅛dis
Paris	9.9494-9.9756	9.9494-9.9637	2⅜-1⅞prem	4⅜-3⅞prem
St'kholm	10.4931-10.5132	10.4931-10.5044	⅜-⅛prem	1⅛-⅝prem
Tokyo	236.45-237.10	236.52-236.91	1⅛-1prem	3⅜-3⅛prem
Vienna	20.99-21.08	20.99-21.03	10⅝-9⅞prem	28⅝-26⅝ prem
Zurich	2.4736-2.4820	2.4736-2.4776	1⅜-1⅛prem	3⅜-3⅛prem

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyons (*429)	390	45	58	70	2	6	12
	420	23	38	50	10	18	23
	460	5	18	32	35	43	47
Brit Air (*220)	190	32	—	—	2	—	—
	200	23	33	39	3½	9	12
	220	9	22	31	8½	21	22
Brit Com (*517)	460	65	78	90	4	12	16
	500	30	52	66	12	25	30
	550	7	28	48	35	45	55
Brit Gas (*177)	165	16	24	—	1½	6	—
	180	6	16	22	8	13	16
	200	1½	7	14	24	27	30
BP (*370)	330	45	58	66	3	8	15
	360	23	38	47	7	16	24
	390	8	25	34	25	32	40
Britoil (*312)	300	24	36	47	8	17	22
	330	10	25	33	23	30	34
	360	2	15	22	50	52	55
Cons Gold (*1410)	1450	45	120	150	95	125	150
	1500	33	100	145	130	160	185
	1550	23	850	130	175	200	220
Courtauld (*504)	420	90	100	—	1	3	—
	460	52	68	86	3	8	16
	500	22	46	62	14	22	28
	550	6	26	40	48	52	56
Com Union (*410)	330	82	93	100	1	4	5
	360	52	65	75	2	6	11
	390	26	41	53	7	14	18
C & W (*477)	360	122	133	148	½	1	5
	390	92	108	125	1	6	10
	420	65	83	105	2	10	17
	460	30	52	70	8	20	33
GEC (*213)	200	16	28	37	3	8	11
	220	6½	17	25	12	16	21
	240	2	10	18	28	32	33
Grand Met (*576)	460	123	135	—	1	2	—
	500	83	98	110	2	5	10
	550	40	68	73	8	17	25
	600	10	35	45	30	38	45
ICI (*1598)	1400	210	250	—	2	10	—
	1450	160	210	235	3	17	30
	1500	115	170	198	8	27	45
	1550	77	135	162	20	43	63
Land Sec (*605)	550	62	78	98	4	15	18
	600	25	48	70	18	30	35
	650	8	25	45	50	60	65
M & S (*241)	220	26	34	43	3	7	10
	240	10	23	29	9	16	18
	260	4	13	19	22	27	29
R-Royce (*200)	185	19	28	34	1½	5½	9
	195	12	20	26	4	10	13
	205	6	14	21	9	15	17
	215	3	9½	—	17	20	—
Shell (*1309)	1350	25	78	110	62	85	108
	1400	12	57	88	97	113	137
	1450	6	42	70	145	147	170
Trafalgar (*390)	360	38	48	63	4	7	13
	390	17	30	42	12	20	25
	420	6	15	27	32	38	45
TSB (*142)	130	14	20	22	1½	2	4½
	140	6	14	16	3	8	8
	150	2½	7	11	11	14	15
Woolworth (*359)	325	40	—	—	3	—	—
	330	—	53	67	—	10	15
	350	25	—	—	13	—	—
	375	12	30	—	27	37	—

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Bass (*1001)	950	73	95	122	10	35	43
	1000	32	65	95	27	57	60
	1050	12	45	68	58	82	88
GKN (*404)	330	78	88	98	1	3	8
	360	48	68	71	2	7	17
	390	26	42	53	7	18	30
	420	10	27	37	23	31	44
Jaguar (*562)	500	70	97	110	2	12	20
	550	28	60	77	12	30	40
	600	5	32	50	40	52	65

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*174)	160	16	30	38	2	9	15
	180	2	17	25	8	16	22
	200	½	9	16	27	28	36
Beecham (*574)	460	115	122	—	1	1½	—
	500	75	87	103	1	6	11
	550	25	45	57	1	18	25
	600	1	21	40	28	40	48
Boots (*305)	280	26	37	49	½	7	10
	300	7	25	36	2	16	19
	330	½	12	23	27	32	35
BTR (*371)	300	71	82	90	½	2	4
	330	41	55	65	½	6	10
	360	11	30	45	2	14	20
Blue Circ (*462)	425	38	57	—	¼	6	—
	450	13	43	—	2	15	—
	475	2	28	—	17	27	—
De Beers (*1575)	1100	480	490	—	—	10	—
	1200	380	390	—	5	40	—
	1300	290	320	—	5	60	—
	1400	180	250	—	—	—	—
Dixons (*378)	330	—	60	72	—	5	8
	360	—	40	50	—	12	18
	390	—	20	36	—	26	32

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Glaxo (*1798)	1650	150	200	256	2	30	50
	1700	105	165	220	3	45	65
	1750	60	130	190	4	63	82
	1800	14	105	165	20	85	105
Hanson (*182)	160	—	28	30	—	1½	3½
	165	17	—	—	¼	—	—
	180	2	13	16	1	7	10
	200	⅛	4½	8	19	19½	22
Sears (*158)	140	28	32	36	1	2	4
	160	8	18	22	1	6	10
	180	½	6	13	13	17	20
Tesco (*197)	157	30	37	—	1	3	—
	183	14	24	38	1	8	18
	200	1½	16	24	5	14	20
Thorn EMI (*692)	650	47	75	97	2	15	25
	700	4	42	67	15	33	45
	750	1	20	42	60	70	80
	800	1	7	25	110	112	117
THF (*252)	240	18	25	29	¼	8	12
	260	½	13	19	9	17	23
	280	¼	8	13	29	33	35

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*140)	130	17	22	26	3	8	10
	140	10	16	21	9	12	15
	160	3½	7	—	22	25	—
Brit Aero (*512)	460	65	85	95	6	15	25
	500	38	58	72	20	28	40
	550	14	37	50	45	57	67
BAT Ind (*686)	550	148	163	—	2	3	—
	600	98	120	130	3	9	13
	650	58	82	93	11	20	28
	700	30	53	65	33	40	50
Brit Tele (*262)	240	29	—	—	3	—	—
	260	15	24	32	8	14	19
	280	7	17	28	23	25	32
Cadbury (*278)	240	45	54	57	1½	5	9
	260	28	40	45	5	12	16
	280	15	28	34	13	18	23
Guinness (*381)	330	35	53	68	4	10	14
	360	20	33	40	17	22	28
	390	9	20	27	35	40	43
Ladbroke (*451)	403	63	—	—	2½	—	—
	443	32	—	—	11	—	—
	460	20	37	48	20	30	35
LASMO (*358)	330	36	58	64	10	20	24
	360	19	37	48	23	30	37
	390	8	25	37	44	49	55
Plessey (*209)	180	34	42	51	3	6	11
	200	20	29	34	9	12	16
	220	8	18	—	16	22	—
P & O (*733)	638	97	117	—	4	8	—
	688	53	78	—	12	20	—
	750	20	50	58	40	48	60
Prudential (*1040)	950	100	135	150	10	22	32
	1000	65	100	117	22	37	55
	1050	40	77	90	45	57	75
Racal (*305)	280	36	49	60	6	13	17
	300	24	37	49	12	20	25
	330	11	24	36	32	37	41
RTZ (*1355)	1250	140	215	255	27	58	80
	1300	110	185	225	47	75	105
	1350	90	160	200	65	95	130
	1400	70	140	180	95	120	155
Vaal Reef (*137)	130	15	19	24	8	10½	13½
	140	10½	15½	19	10	14	17
	150	7	11½	15½	16½	19½	22½

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Barclays (*603)	500	122	132	150	4	7	12
	550	73	92	110	8	15	25
	600	43	70	82	25	37	47
Midland (*547)	485	80	95	—	7	11	—
	522	53	—	—	13	—	—
	550	32	55	65	27	40	47

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Lonrho (*315)	255	60	58	—	1	1	—
	273	42	52	—	1	3	—
	300	15	32	42	1	10	14
	330	½	17	28	17	24	28

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£105)	102	2 9/16	2⅝	—	5/16	7/16	—
	104	1 11/16	1 15/16	—	13/16	1 5/16	—
	106	9/32	15/32	—	2	2½	—
	108	3/32	¼	—	15/16	4½	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£114)	110	4⅜	5⅜	6	⅝	1⅝	2⅝
	112	3⅝	4 3/16	13/16	1¼	2 5/16	3
	114	2 5/16	3 3/16	4	2⅞	3⅜	63/64
	116	1 7/16	2 7/16	3 3/16	3⅞	4 5/16	77/64
	118	13/16	1⅝	—	4⅝	5 3/16	—

FT-SE INDEX (*2328)

Series	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2150	190	207	227	—	½	4	12	—
2200	140	162	187	207	1	8	19	27
2250	90	120	147	170	3	17	32	40
2300	48	85	113	135	11	32	48	57
2350	20	57	83	107	35	57	68	77
2400	4	35	60	—	75	85	100	—
2450	2	21	—	—	125	128	—	—
2500	½	11	—	—	175	178	—	—

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares lose their shine

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 14. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day October 8.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26)

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Apricot Computers	Electricals	
2	Smith Ind	Industrials S-Z	
3	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
4	Yule Catto	Chemicals,Plas	
5	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
6	Batleys	Foods	
7	Pilkington (aa)	Industrials L-R	
8	Coats Viyella (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
9	Micro Focus	Electricals	
10	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
11	Magnolia	Industrials L-R	
12	LDH	Industrials L-R	
13	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
14	Coates Bros	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Bryant	Buildings,Roads	
16	Renishaw	Industrials L-R	
17	Ultramar (aa)	Oil & Gas	
18	McInerney	Property	
19	Lilleshall	Industrials L-R	
20	Aerospace Eng	Industrials A-D	
21	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
22	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
23	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks,Discount	
24	Barr (AG)	Foods	
25	Tilbury Group	Buildings,Roads	
26	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
27	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
28	Thorn EMI (aa)	Electricals	
29	Borland	Electricals	
30	Br Airways (aa)	Industrials A-D	
31	Wilding Office	Drapery,Stores	
32	Bryson	Oil & Gas	
33	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
34	BTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
35	Erith	Buildings,Roads	
36	Crosby James	Buildings,Roads	
37	Silkolene	Oil & Gas	
38	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
39	Burgess	Industrials A-D	
40	Triefus	Industrials S-Z	
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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1987 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
102⅝	95½	Treas	12%	1987	100⅛	..	12.0	10.236
99¾	95⅝	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	98⅞	..	7.8	9.423
102¼	96	Exch	10½%	1988	100⅛	..	10.5	10.201
101⅝	96½	Treas	C9¾%	1988	99⅝	..	9.8	10.173
97⅛	92¾	Treas	3%	1978-88	96¾	..	3.1	7.298
101⅝	94⅝	Treas	9½%	1988	99¼ ●	..	9.6	10.150
105¼	95½	Treas	11½%	1989	101⅝	..	11.3	10.121
104⅛	93¾	Treas	10½%	1989	100½	..	10.4	10.120
103⅝	95¾	Exch	10%	1989	99⅝	..	10.0	10.121
108	99⅝	Exch	10¼%	1989	101	..	10.1	9.678
105¾	95	Exch	11%	1989	101½ ●	..	10.8	10.112
95⅝	88⅛	Treas	5%	1986-89	93½ ●	-⅛	5.3	8.505
102¼	93⅝	Treas	C9½%	1989	98¼ ●	..	9.8	10.026
94⅝	89⅝	Treas	3%	1989	93½	..	3.2	7.279
111	103⅝	Treas	13%	1990	105	..	12.3	9.991
106½	95	Exch	11%	1990	101⅞	..	10.8	9.995
110⅝	99½	Exch	12½%	1990	105¼	..	11.9	10.094
91⅝	84⅛	Treas	3%	1990	88	-⅛	3.4	7.718
100	93¼	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	96¼	..	8.6	9.728
105	94⅝	Treas	10%	1990	99⅞ ●	..	10.0	10.035
89½	80⅝	Exch	2½%	1990	86⅝	-⅛	2.9	7.365
110⅝	98⅝	Treas	C10%	1991	101⅛	..	9.9	9.814
110½	102¼	Treas	11¾%	1991	104½	..	11.2	10.084
95⅝	85⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	90⅛ ●	..	6.4	9.089
108⅝	97	Exch	11%	1991	103¼ ●	..	10.6	10.031
89⅛	79⅝	Treas	3%	1991	85⅛	..	3.5	7.779
99⅝	91	Treas	8%	1991	93¼	..	..	10.018

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1987 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
118½	107⅞	Treas	12¾%	1992	109¼	..	11.7	10.051
106¼	92¾	Treas	10%	1992	100	..	10.0	10.041
109⅝	99¼	Treas	C10½%	1992	101⅞	+⅛	10.3	10.083
86⅝	79½	Treas	3%	1992	80⅞	..	3.7	8.148
99½	89⅛	Treas	8%	1992	92⅞ ●	..	8.6	10.007
117	100⅞	Exch	12¼%	1992	108	..	11.3	10.135
121	104⅞	Exch	13½%	1992	112⅞ ●	..	12.0	10.148
107⅞	93⅞	Treas	10%	1993	99⅞ ●	..	10.0	10.059
118½	108	Treas	12½%	1993	110¼	..	11.3	10.127
95⅞	81¼	Fund	6%	1993	87¼	+⅛	6.9	8.812
125¼	113⅝	Treas	13¾%	1993	116	+⅛	11.8	10.211
129¾	113½	Treas	14½%	1994	120⅞	..	12.0	10.153
120⅛	103¼	Exch	12½%	1994	111	..	11.3	10.248
124¾	108⅝	Exch	13½%	1994	115⅝ ●	..	11.7	10.252
103¼	91¼	Treas	9%	1994	95½	-¼	9.4	9.874
107⅞	93¼	Treas	10%	1994	99⅝	..	10.0	10.078
118¼	105⅞	Treas	12%	1995	109⅛	-⅛	11.0	10.200
84¼	75¼	Gas	3%	1990-95	80½	-⅛	3.7	8.286
109½	97⅞	Exch	10¼%	1995	100⅞	-⅛	10.2	10.121
123⅞	111	Treas	12¾%	1995	113⅞	-⅛	11.2	10.197

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
580	421	Midland (aa)	558	568	r +25	27.8	4.9	7.3
578	380	Morgan Grenfell	538	542	●-4	14.9	2.8	13.9
280	149	Nat Aust Bk	272	276	r -3			
790	538	Nat West (aa)	740	745	+30	29.5	4.0	7.8
285	123	Ottoman	280	-	+10	800	2.9	9.1
449	278	Provident	373	377	●+2	18.5	4.9	12.9
152	135	Rea Bros	145	155	● ..	2.0	1.3	39.6
218	137	Rothschild (J) Hls	208	211	r ..	8.2	3.9	11.2
445	236	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	388	392	-1	15.6	4.0	9.8
17	705	Schroders	15½	16½	●+½	22.6	1.4	24.9
843	738	Stand Chart (aa)	828	835	●+7	48.0	5.8	10.3
148	130	TSB (aa)	143	144	..	6.5	4.5	..
10¼	680	Union	935	945	-3	63.8	6.7	10.9
529	336	Warburg SG	472	475	+1	..	..	..
179	122	Do 6% 'A'	161	164	●-1	8.2	5.0	..
37½	27½	Wells Fargo	32⅞	-	+½	..	..	..
580	290	Wintrust	540	550	● ..	8.5	1.6	20.5

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	426	430	-4	15.8	3.7	12.7
18½	728	Bass (aa)	9⅞	10	-⅛	24.1	2.4	18.5
77	61	Belhaven	63	65	..	1.0	1.6	23.0
151½	134	Boddington	140	143	-1	5.1	3.6	15.5
710	537	Brown (Matthew)	700	707	-1	20.2b	2.9	24.5
205	131	Buckleys	203	206	+5	4.4	2.1	63.6
239	141	Bulmer (H P)	223	230	-3	7.9	3.5	16.1
185	165	Burtonwood Brew	180	183	s -1	4.0	2.2	20.4
536	440	Clark (Matthew)	521	531	● ..	12.3	2.3	17.6
352	282	Devenish (JA)	338	342	-2	4.0	1.2	47.0
279½	187	Greenall Whitley	227	229	-1	7.8	3.4	13.8
425	258	Greene King	413	417	-1	8.9	2.1	21.3
390	264	Guinness (aa)	388	393	-4	11.2	3.1	12.9
785	473	Hardys & Hansons	780	800	..	28.4	3.5	17.4
94	68	Highland Distl	91	93	-1	3.1	3.4	17.8
223	138	Invergordon Dist	208	213	● ..	7.5	3.6	13.7
235	145	Irish Distl	225	230	-2	8.6	2.8	..
154	113	Marston Thompson	140	141	-½	3.5	2.5	17.8
603	345	Morland	553	565	..	9.9	1.8	27.2
470	131	SA Breweries	425	440	..	..	..	..
284½	178	Scot & New (aa)	253	255	-2	10.9	4.3	14.1
580	486	Vaux	542	550	-3	18.6	3.4	19.3
385	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	327	330	-2	12.2	3.7	13.9
400	248	Do 'B'	380	390	..	12.2	3.2	18.2
385	219	Whitbread Inv	338	342	-2	11.3	3.3	39.3
405	277½	Wolverhampton & D	393	397	..	7.0	1.8	22.3
477	274	Young 'A'	460	470	..	11.6	2.5	27.1

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
460	193	Abbey	430	450	● ..	..	..	..
297	222	Aberdeen Constr	263	265	..	12.1	4.6	21.0
449	270	Amec	386	391	-5	16.8	4.3	14.7
88½	28	Anglo Utd	65	67	● ..	1.4	2.1	..
147	58	Arncliffe	140	150	-2	3.8	2.6	34.0
388	217	Atwoods	373	378	-7	7.2	1.9	28.8
382	329	BPB Ind (aa)	337	339	+2	8.6	2.5	14.6
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	287	297	+2	2.7	0.9	39.5
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	68	71	+1	0.9	1.3	14.0
252	158	Barratt Devs	228	230	+3	11.4	5.0	24.0
327	160	Bellway	284	288	..	10.3	3.6	15.2
305	128	Bellwinch	146	150	-3	4.4	3.0	13.9
530	134	Berkeley Gp	438	440	+1	3.4	0.8	25.2
148	65	Bett Bros	118	123	● ..	4.5	3.7	33.3
23	137	Blockleys	500	550	+25	7.4	1.4	43.9
574	335	Blue Circle (aa)	482	485	●-4	18.5	4.0	12.5
425	208	Breedon PLC	250	253	+3	8.2	3.4	..
247	86	Br Dredging	215	222	+1	5.5	2.5	36.7
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	59	60½	-1½	..	..	..
180½	79	Bryant	144	146	+5	3.0	2.1	20.0

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ELECTRICALS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
472	320	AB Elec	458	465	r -7	17.1	3.7	25.0
460	207	Alphameric	421	426	..	3.4	0.8	25.7
224½	131	Amstrad (aa)	174	176	-1	0.6	0.3	18.3
137	45	Apricot Computers	130	132	+4	..	..	17.5
342	105	Arlen	208	210	●-2	2.7b	1.3	18.7
808	388	Atlantic Comp	740	747	+10	6.3	0.8	21.5
183	73	Audio Fidelity	150	160	..	..	..	63.0
293	156	Auto Sec	280	283	-1	2.7	0.9	21.6
436	289	BICC (aa)	423	426	-2	16.8	4.0	22.4
148	94	BSR	144	147	-1	3.8	2.6	26.3
244	134	Black	213	218	..	4.7	2.2	19.7
291	92	Borland	212	217	+4	..	..	..
264	188½	Bowthorpe	235	240	● ..	3.7	1.6	20.3
249	74	Britannia Security	227	231	r -2	2.2	1.0	25.2
337	239	Br Telecom (aa)	259	261	●-3½	11.6	4.5	12.4
155	98	Brown Boveri Kent	143	148	-2	5.1	3.5	15.1
51	15	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	33	38	+1	0.1	0.3	61.0
308	182	CAP Group	277	280	● ..	2.5	0.9	36.8
148	77	CASE	91	97	-1	0.1	0.1	7.9
482	323	Cable Wireless (aa)	475	479	●+8	7.8	1.6	23.8
358	223	Cambridge Elec	273	277	●+1	11.2	4.1	17.6
136	102	Cambridge Instr	114	118	..	1.0	0.9	12.7
117	57½	Chloride	94	96	+3	2.6	2.7	26.0
265	163	Cohen Ind	235	240	●+2	5.2	2.2	24.2
583	329	Cray Elect	520	530	● ..	7.0	1.3	24.7
301	210	Crystalate	230	233	-2	7.3	3.1	12.7
155	128	DDT Group	125	130	-5	1.6	1.3	22.7
139	59	Dale Elec	118	115	●+1	4.8	4.2	21.0
65	38	Dewhurst	58	59	●+2	1.7	2.9	22.2
64	30	Do 'A'	51	54	●-1	1.7	3.2	20.3
645	318	Domino	550	570	..	3.1	0.6	36.8
78	45	Dowding & Mills	72	75	..	2.3	3.1	19.2
245	156	Dubilier	220	224	..	4.5	2.0	20.6
264	187	Electrocomponents	236	240	s +2	5.1	2.1	18.7
158	98	Elec Data Process	145	150	-1	2.5	1.7	17.7
270	55	Electronic Mach	195	210	● ..	0.4	0.2	..
84	48	Electronic Rentals	72	74	-2	4.4	6.0	36.5
510	289	Emess Lighting	498	504	..	9.3	1.9	27.8
505	273	Eurotherm	435	443	● ..	7.2	1.6	23.6
213	93½	FKI Elect	167	169	r -2	1.9	1.1	22.8
278	188	Farnell Elect	253	257	●-2	3.8	1.5	23.0
153	99	Ferranti	133	136	●-2	2.7	2.0	18.9
122	53	Forward Tech	83	86	-1	1.0	1.2	15.5
251	160	GEC (aa)	212	214	●-3	7.3	3.4	13.6
214	173	Harland Simon	208	213	-3	..	..	..
104	79	Highland Elect	80	83	..	3.4	4.1	10.8
310	148	Hoskyns Gp	305	315	..	2.2	0.7	41.3
125	57	IBL	65	70	..	1.1	1.6	10.7
129	111	ITL Gp	109	113	..	..	..	..
297	184	Int Signal & Control	227	232	-2	1.0	0.4	..
390	245	Jones Stroud	380	390	● ..	13.7	3.6	12.7
483	250	Kode	447	457	..	19.2	4.2	19.2
380	249	Lec Refrigeration	335	345	● ..	17.1	5.0	18.2
427	210	Logica	408	414	+1	2.1	0.5	44.3
546	372	MK Elect	537	541	-5	16.4	3.0	16.7
345	215	Macro 4	342	347	..	3.8	1.1	29.5
400	115	Memec	306	312	-4	4.8	1.6	32.1
172	85	MBS	163	168	+1	0.7e	0.4	..
630	363	Microfilm Repro	582	592	..	4.1	0.7	60.7
207	87	Micro Focus	145	155	+5	..	..	..
441	191	Microgen	370	377	-1	8.2	2.2	31.4
406	250	Mitel	247	252	..	..	..	..
33¾	25¾	Molex	30⅝	31⅜	-⅛	..	..	..
109	57	Multitone Elect	90	95	●-2	0.1	0.1	69.9
81	51	Murray Elect	55	58	-1	0.3	0.5	89.1
405	230	Newmark (Louis)	340	355	● ..	19.2	5.5	15.4
127	77½	NEI	114	115	●-2	7.2	6.3	51.6
265	71	NMW Comp	212	217	-5	3.4	1.6	31.3
43	17	Oceonics	38	42	..	..	..	8.3
454	283	Oxford Instruments	285	300	●-5	3.3	1.1	10.9
321	159	P-E International	317	322	..	4.4	1.4	27.3

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NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

OIL & GAS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
15⅝	8¾	Hamilton	13½	-	●-⅛	..	..	..
320	67	Highland Part	278	280	-6			
265	136	Hunting P S	225	230	..	12.3	5.4	12.7
81	19	Imco	55	58	r -½	..	..	..
40	7½	Jackson	36	38	+1	..	..	..
40	10	KCA Drilling	33	36	-1	..	..	14.7
397	85	LASMO (aa)	357	359	+½	13.0e	3.6	67.7
233	99½	Do Units	225	232	..	52.3	22.8	..
58	25	New London Oil	46	49	-4	..	..	..
88	11½	Oil Search	77	79	+1	..	..	..
166	58	Petrocon	153	158	● ..	2.5	1.6	24.7
5⅞	3¼	Petrol	3⅞	4½	..	..	..	..
80	34	Premier	62½	63½	+¼	..	..	33.3
428	365	Ranger	345	350	..	..	..	..
89¾	64	Royal Dutch	76	-	-⅞	226	3.0	..
15⅝	10	Shell (aa)	13⅛	13⅝	● ..	63.0	4.8	18.2
310	158	Silkolene	283	298	+1	8.6	2.9	27.5
129	36	Sovereign	113	115	-1	..	..	7.3
56½	14	TR Energy	39	40½	s -1½	..	..	39.2
22	10½	Target	12	15	..	..	..	..
144	74	Tricentrol	124	126	+½	..	..	5.4
249	120	Triton Europe	225	230	-5	..	..	..
326	162	Ultramar (aa)	277	282	●+4	7.6	2.7	8.6
112	69	Woodside	94	98	-3	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	77	Chillington	185	190	..	8.7	4.6	27.8
130	79	Finlay (James)	112	114	-1	5.7	5.0	..
708	326	Harrison Crosfield	700	705	-4	30.1	4.3	25.4
861	330	Inchcape	853	858	●-4	28.6	3.4	20.4
320	180	Lonrho (aa)	314	316	●-2	16.3	5.2	14.9
120	45	Ocean Wilson	108	113	+1	3.4	3.1	17.2
416	205	Paterson Zoch	390	395	-2	9.0	2.3	10.1
416	205	Do 'A'	390	395	-5	9.0	2.3	10.1
423	165	Polly Peck	413	417	● ..	9.6	2.3	8.9
108	30	Sime Darby	85	90	..	..	..	..
224	121	Tozer Kemsley	133	134	●-4½	1.5	1.1	13.5

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
367	226	Abbott Mead	347	357	●+2	5.2	1.5	23.9
209	114	Addison Cons	184	187	●-2	3.6	1.9	20.5
353	285	Assoc Paper	345	350	..	10.0	2.9	19.5
478	52	Ault & Wiborg	385	395	..	2.7e	0.7	26.8
400	185	BPCC (aa)	360	365	+1	19.2	5.3	25.9
415	194	BPP	380	390	● ..	8.2	2.1	28.5
218	103	Barker (Charles)	193	198	+1	4.3	2.2	18.8
351	191	Bemrose	325	330	-16	12.3b	3.8	18.3
484	279	Boase Massimi	440	448	-2	7.9b	1.8	24.3
291	163	Brunning	277	282	●+2	3.4	1.2	70.2
278	207	Bunzl (aa)	222	227	● ..	6.2	2.8	21.5
14¾	584	Carlton Comm	875	895	+17	6.1	0.7	41.5
103	45	Catalyst	93	97	..	..	..	31.6
420	220	Chapman	380	400	..	12.7	2.3	17.5
460	175	Cropper (James)	265	295	+15	2.2	0.8	14.0
483	302	DRG	467	472	-1	13.4	2.9	20.9
180	138	Davidson Pearce	168	173	-2	4.1	2.4	14.8
180	46½	Delyn Packaging	130	140	..	..	..	..
10¾	176	Eucalyptus Pulp	10⅞	11	●+½	5.4	0.5	..
403	270	Ferguson Ind	392	395	..	12.3	3.1	17.4
400	219	FKB	375	390	●-10	4.5	1.2	32.0
455	280	Fitch Design	450	460	● ..	10.0	2.2	21.5
97	64	Geers Gross	60	67	..	2.1	3.3	17.4
405	185	Gold Greenless	360	370	..	5.5	1.5	22.3
140	140	Good Relations	137	142	..	6.7	4.8	23.6
555	251	Hunterprint	495	505	+15	8.0	1.6	25.7
456	250	KLP	435	445	..	5.9	1.3	18.0
250	126	Lopex	238	243	●-2	6.0	2.5	23.5

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES AND LEATHER

TEXTILES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
540	245	Tomkinsons	535	545	..	6.5	1.2	26.0
157	105	Tootal	150	152	-2	5.6	3.8	19.0
338	70	West Trust	290	300	●+3	6.9	2.3	..
378	220	Yorklyde	330	340	+10	10.3	3.1	13.7

TOBACCOS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
690	452	BAT (aa)	685	688	●-3	21.0	3.1	16.2
183	118	Cavell	170	180	●	..	..	..
441	236	Rothmans 'B'	436	440	●-2	10.6	2.4	12.0

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	110.0	118.3●	-0.8	10.32
High Inc Equity	140.3	155.6c	-0.4	3.44
Worldwide Bond	182.5	193.9●	..	5.00
American Growth	175.9	188.0	-0.8	0.72
Asian Pacific	98.5	102.5	+1.0	1.35
Assets & Earns	192.6	204.9	-0.6	0.87
Capital Reserve	73.4	74.1	..	1.96
Comm & Energy	197.4	209.9c	-1.8	..
European Capital	96.2	102.3	-0.2	0.73
General	192.2	204.4	-0.3	2.30
Japan	87.4	92.9c	-0.5	..
UK Growth Inc	191.2	203.4c	-0.7	1.04
Do Accum	278.9	296.7c	-1.3	0.71
US Emerging Co's	56.4	58.9●	-0.8	0.00
Income & Growth	318.9	337.1	-1.0	2.24
Mastertrust Acc	90.0	95.7	-0.2	1.73
American Inc	53.0	58.3●	+0.2	4.65

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 5494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Europe Growth Acc	135.2	144.0	+0.2	0.94
Exempt	471.4	494.3●	-1.3	3.01
Far Eastern	253.7	271.3●	-0.5	0.10
Fin & Prop	109.4	115.9	-0.6	1.56
High Yield	89.0	94.3	-0.2	3.90
Income & Gth	362.5	384.0●	-1.8	3.37
Intl Earnings	239.2	253.4c	..	1.67
Intl Growth Inc	115.8	123.3●	-0.1	0.23
Japan Growth Acc	140.1	149.8	-1.7	0.20
Nth Amer Gth Inc	149.8	160.2	-0.4	0.46
Preference Inc	124.8	132.2	..	9.56
Small Co's Div Inc	108.6	115.0	-0.1	3.15
Small Co's Gth	403.0	426.9●	-1.4	1.08
Special Sits Inc	203.0	215.0	-2.8	0.84
UK Growth	483.0	511.7	-1.4	2.10

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6601

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	54.7	58.2	-0.3	1.60
Australian	36.8	39.3●	-0.4	0.09
Japan & General	153.9	163.8●	+0.4	0.03
High Income	70.0	74.5●	-0.4	4.15
International Trust	121.6	129.4	-0.9	0.43
Income Growth Tst	80.5	85.7	-0.3	3.53
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.1	23.6●	..	10.16
Global Markets	46.7	49.7	-0.2	3.98
Special Situations	83.8	89.2	..	1.02

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	98.7	104.4●	-0.3	2.14
European Gth Inc	80.1	84.7●	+0.1	1.09

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Accum	68.8	73.2	-0.4	1.71
Income Inc	69.1	73.5●	-0.4	2.37
Do Accum	70.1	74.6●	-0.3	2.37
Worldwide Inc	60.1	64.3	-0.3	0.93
Do Accum	60.2	64.4	-0.3	0.93
Gamma Fund Inc	48.4	52.6	-0.2	0.74
Do Accum	49.4	52.6	-0.2	0.74

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth & Inc	80.2	84.8	-0.7	0.61
Extra Income	258.2	271.2a	-4.8	3.65
Financial	278.0	294.2	+1.8	1.35
Sth East Asia Gth	97.1	102.7	+1.3	0.78
Gt Br Cos	420.9	451.8	-6.0	1.95
Income & Growth	63.4	67.0●	-0.4	2.74
Japanese Growth	241.0	285.0●	-2.0	0.20
Nth Amer Growth	124.8	131.9	-0.9	0.78
Intl Recovery	188.2	197.1	+0.1	1.17
Smaller Co's	418.4	443.0●	-1.8	1.02
Global Inc Tst	69.7	73.8●	+0.5	4.97
Special Sits Acc	482.2	508.2	-4.3	1.24

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Trust	142.7	151.8	..	0.65
Canadian Gth	23.5	25.0	..	1.50
European Trust	142.1	151.2	..	..
Growth Trust	331.3	352.4	..	2.04
High Income Trust	391.3	416.3e	..	3.58
Intl Tech Trust	143.0	152.1	..	..
Japanese Trust	203.4	216.4	..	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
0737-242424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Growth	67.8	72.2	-0.2	1.20
Euro Special Sits	90.2	95.5	+0.1	1.30
International	48.8	52.0	-0.2	3.50
N American Growth	46.2	49.2	-0.2	1.00
Pacific Growth	67.4	71.8	-0.4	0.40
UK Growth Accum	91.4	97.3●	-0.4	2.00
Do Dist	89.3	95.0●	-0.4	2.00
UK Income	70.5	75.1●	-0.2	4.00

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fund	75.1	80.0	-0.4	1.25
Capital Fund	167.1	177.9	-0.4	0.98
Eurofund	30.2	32.1	..	1.58
Growth & Inc Fund	201.4	223.0	..	2.80
High Dist Fund	182.2	194.0	+0.2	3.46
International Fund	248.5	262.5	-1.4	0.88
Pacific Fund	35.1	37.3	+0.3	0.67
Resources Fund	37.1	39.5	-0.2	0.00

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Pacific Exempt	232.7	240.0	-16.4	1.28
Smaller Co's Exempt	229.7	241.8	+0.3	0.54
Best of British	46.5	49.9	-0.3	1.97
Spirit Of The East	52.2	55.0	-0.7	2.48

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355 01-628 8011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Trust Units	78.4	83.0a	+0.1	2.12
Capital Trust Units	137.5	145.6	-1.6	1.80

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.1	62.1●	-0.3	9.57
Do Accum	97.7	102.5	-0.4	9.57
Gold Income	62.5	67.9	+0.2	0.61
Do Accum	89.1	94.9	+0.1	0.61
High Income Inc	485.9	519.7	-0.5	3.55
Do Accum	£13.67	14.42	-0.01	3.65
Intl Growth Inc	940.3	1006.1●	+2.5	0.95
Do Accum	£15.28	16.25	+0.03	0.36
Intl Inc	72.2	78.2	-0.1	4.47
Japan Acc	950.5	1002.8	-1.4	0.00
Japan Smaller Acc	102.7	108.3	-0.4	0.08
Midland & Gen Inc	£10.29	10.95	+0.01	2.62

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS
48, Gracechurch St. EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200 Ext 289

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	82.4	87.7	..	4.15
Income	100.9	107.4●	..	2.41
Growth	113.7	121.0●	..	0.72
Property Shares	64.4	68.6	..	1.44

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex-stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
282	145	Fleming Fledgling	277	282	-1	3.5	1.3	..
417	147	Fleming Japan	211	213	-½	4.8c	2.3	90.1
230	174	Fleming Mercantile	226	229	●-2	5.1	2.2	61.1
213	165½	Fleming Overseas	206	209	●-2	3.1	1.5	91.2
232	168	Fleming Tech	227	230	-2	0.8	0.3	..
190	156	Fleming Universal	186	189	-2	2.1	1.1	..
143½	113½	For Col	142½	144	●+½	2.4	1.7	83.4
120	99	GBC Capital	111	113	..	..	..	..
335	223	GT Japan	304	309	-1	1.9	0.6	..
492	325	General Cons	444	448	-2	18.9b	4.5	33.6
294	216	General Fund	285	290	..	3.0	1.0	..
195	128½	Globe (xd)	186½	187	-¼	5.8	3.0	42.0
175	145	Govett Atlantic	165	166	-1½	4.1b	2.5	49.8
379	254	Govett Oriental	377	380	●+3	3.2	0.8	..
429	259	Govett Strategy	424	428	-3	5.2	1.2	..

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
449	339	Romney	432	435	●+3½	6.9	1.6	..
16¼	15	Rorento	15⅞	-	..	..	..	..
230	180	St Andrew Inv Tst	227	230	●-1	5.3b	2.3	64.9
272	225	Schroder Global	268	272	-1	5.8	2.7	58.7
507	407	Scottish	503	507	..	9.4	1.9	77.1
118	88½	Scot American	115	116	●-1	2.7b	2.3	66.0
175½	132	Scot Eastern	174	176	●-½	3.0	1.7	78.5
140	86	Scot Mort 'A'	133	136	..	6.9	5.1	27.2
152½	115	Scot Mtge	145	146	-1½	2.7	1.9	73.9
489	331	Scot Nat	455	460	●-1	8.2	1.8	76.8
938	757	Second Alliance	934	937	●-2	28.8	3.1	42.0
129½	87	Secs Tst of Scotland	125	128	..	4.3	3.4	40.7
143	74	Smaller Cos	142	144	..	1.4	1.0	98.0
338	207	Stad Bank	235	240	● ..	12.7	5.3	12.2
185	114	TR Australia	183	186	..	3.2	1.7	55.2

Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
TR City Of Lon Dfd	93	94	..	3.2	3.4	39.5
TR Ind & Gen	151	152	●-¼	3.0	2.0	60.6
TR Natural Res	98	101	..	2.6	2.6	44.4
TR North America	117	119	-1	2.7	2.3	52.7
TR Pacific Basin	293	297	●-2	1.4	0.5	..
TR Property	123	125	-1½	1.9	1.5	76.1
TR Tech	65	67	-1	1.3	1.5	72.9
TR Trustees	150	151	● ..	3.0	2.0	62.7
Temple Bar	266	267	r +1	8.9	3.3	36.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

After a late firm market in the US Monday night, as prices reacted to the Iranian attack on the British flagged Gentle Breeze, levels were lower by the end of the London day. Trade was limited to Brent/WTI spreads with Nov. at a delta of 95cts to a $1 setting the tone. Products prices also drifted lower after an initial firm start to the day.

Crude oils/assessed
$/BBL FOB

Brent Phys:	18.40	+15
15 day Oct:	18.45	+15
15 day Nov:	18.40	+10
WTI Oct:	18.55	+05
WTI Nov:	18.40	+15

PRODUCTS
Buy/sell ranges $/MT
Spot Cif Nwe - prompt deliver

Prem Gas .15:		175-178	
Gasoil EEC:	+2	158-160	+2
Non 1H Sep:	+1	153-155	+1
Non 1H Oct:	+1	155-156	+1
3.5 Fuel Oil:		94-96	
Naphta:	+1	158-160	+1

GAS OIL (G W Joynson)

Oct	156.00-55.75
Nov	157.75-57.50
Dec	159.75-59.25
Jan	161.50-51.25
Feb	163.75-61.25
Mar	160.00-57.00
Apr	159.00-55.00
May	158.00-55.00
Jun	158.00-55.00
Vol:	2898

HEAVY FUEL OIL (Reuters)

Oct	97.0-99.25
Nov	98.5-100.7
Vol:	1

LONDON FOX
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Oct	142.4-42.6
Dec	150.0-51.0
Mar	159.4-59.6
May	163.6-63.8
Aug	167.4-68.0
Oct	171.6-72.2
Vol:	2919

COCOA

Sep	1203-200
Dec	1234-232
Mar	1265-263
May	1283-282
Jul	1304-302
Sep	1324-321
Dec	1345-342
Vol:	3894

COFFEE

Sep	1225-223
Nov	1257-250
Jan	1290-285
Mar	1314-310
May	1335-330
Jul	1358-355
Sep	1378-355
Vol:	4402

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices
Official Volume previous day
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in cents per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	1123.0-1124.0
Three Months	1102.0-1103.0
Vol	247125
Tone	Easier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1122.0-1123.0
Three Months	1101.0-1103.0
Vol	Nil
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	372.00-373.00
Three Months	359.50-360.00
Vol	33100
Tone	Easy

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	451.00-452.00
Three Months	455.50-456.00
Vol	32050
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	765.00-768.00
Three Months	779.00-780.00
Vol	20
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	765.00-768.00
Three Months	779.00-780.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	1106.0-1107.0
Three Months	1037.0-1038.0
Vol	204325
Tone	Easy

ALUMINIUM HIGH GRADE
($ per tonne)

Three Months	1855.0-1865.0
Vol	11700
Tone	Quiet

NICKEL

Cash	3230-3240
Three Months	3250-3255
Vol	2736
Tone	Easier

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 22

GB: Cattle, 95.89p per kg lw (-0.81)
GB: Sheep 155.05p per kg* (-5.35)
GB: Pigs, 73.80p per kg lw (-0.81)
* est. dead carcase weight

England & Wales: Cattle up 10.4 %, av price, 94.28p(-0.99)
Sheep up 2.0 %, av price, 155.64p(-5.23)
Pig up 4.4 %, av price, 73.53p(-1.00)

Scotland: Cattle up 8.1 %, av price, 99.91p(-0.22)
Sheep up 8.3 %, av price, 153.60p(-5.71)
Pig down 21.1 %, av price, 75.37p(+0.43)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	100.8	100.8
Nov	101.00	101.00
Feb	96.60	96.60
Apr	99.00	99.00
		Vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	97.30	97.30
Nov	97.80	97.80
Feb	97.50	97.50
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Sep	107.30	101.50
Nov	106.80	103.20
Jan	108.85	105.60
Mar	111.35	107.70
May	113.80	109.50
Jul	115.85	unq.

Vol: Wheat 498
Barley 178

SOYABEAN

Oct	130.7-30.0
Dec	130.5-30.0
Feb	131.5-31.0
Apr	133.0-31.9
Jun	127.0-28.0
Aug	125.5-24.0
Oct	129.0-28.0
Vol:	2061

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	84.00	83.50
Feb	95.00	96.50
Apr	134.00	133.40
May	148.50	148.10
		Vol: 551

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G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Oct 87	1090-1065	1085.0
Jan 88	1140-1120	1133.0
Apr 88	1175-1170	1175.0
Jul 88	—	1065.0

Vol: 149 lots Open int: 1785
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
1095.0 up 3.5 on 21/9/87

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
440	180	Abelscot Group	400	430	n/c
54½	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	49	52	-1
150	110	Allied Insurance	140	150	n/c
285	121	Broadcast Commun	205	215	n/c
98	35	Catalyst Comms	93	97	n/c
150	24	Corton Beach	120	125	-3
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	25	27	n/c
41	8	Do. Warrants	14	16	n/c
82	17	Publishing Holdings	60	63	n/c
85½	45½	Theme Holdings	67	70	-3
139½	112½	Unit Group	137½	142½	1

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OPINION

Bryan Appleyard

So the phone rings and this girl – 18, 25 maybe – is shouting at me. "Is that ..?" she gaily shrieks my phone number and I agree that it is. "Well, congratulations. You have just won £6,000."

Now this is exciting for me. Not being a "member of the public" I am used to seeing *this kind of thing* from a distance – "Granny in million pound pools scoop" and so on. Being on the end of a real marketing blitz is a whole *new perspective*. I'm hooked.

The girl goes on to list, too breathlessly for comprehension, a series of quite amazing prizes I appear to have just won. It seems I can stay at hotels and buy theatre tickets, meals and all the other fun products of capitalism at deeply discounted prices.

Then come three "qualifying" questions. I brace myself for a general knowledge test. *What's the capital of* New York State? That kind of thing. But it turns out that all I need to be is over 18, at my address for the next hour and *in possession of £49.95* in cash or a cheque. Bingo! I qualify on all counts. Now all I have to do is wait for a man on a bike to come round and give me *my Goldcheques in* return. But what if I want to think about this? "Sorry the offer lapses if it is not taken up today," says Julia (we have drifted into *a kind of* redundant intimacy by this stage).

Losing my temper ever so slightly at this piece of blackmail prompts Julia to relent. The offer will not lapse if I come in and see her at 13 Gerard Street, W1 the next day. The company is called Select Advertising. She says it is an advertising agency, so I ask who their clients are.

"Oh we have lots. There's plenty of us here." *I press for* names and she whispers urgently to the man next to her: "This bloke wants to know who our clients are." She comes back on to admit that their sole client is Goldcheques. Later in Gerard Street I find Select situated in the middle of *Chinatown* above a restaurant called the Far East and a club called the Toucan – members only. Upstairs, I am greeted by a very shabby office full of half a dozen or so very young people dialling numbers and shouting at people.

Jane greets me with the news that Julia is off but Suzy will take care of me. Suzy turns out to be a breathtakingly pretty girl, who leads me up to another floor. Could I have gone to the wrong address? This is Soho . . .

Establishing a lot of eye *contact, she hands me a fat* wallet full of discount vouchers for seemingly hundreds of perfectly respectable businesses. Thistle Hotels and Wimbledon Theatre catch my eye. These are the Goldcheques, issued by a company called Expresscheques; £6,000-worth of discounts, *which are mine for £49.95.*

The whole operation, it turns out, consists of these youngsters being given the first three exchange digits of *a London number*. They then dial incessantly, choosing the next four digits at random. Half the time they reach businesses or dead lines.

Suzy arrived after applying to a job ad in the *London Evening Standard*. She thinks the hard sell *is okay because they do not* lean on old age pensioners.

But the phone call was sufficiently tough to count as more than a nuisance, the company is not an advertising agency in any accepted sense, the discount cheques expire at the end of 1988 – giving barely enough time to streak up and down the country spending them – and I resent random phone calls. It is, all in all, a somewhat tacky way for those businesses to promote themselves. Sorry, Julia.

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Bryan Appleyard is Features Writer of the Year

Today's Soviet front men make things almost too easy for correspondents, writes **Mary Dejevsky**

Glasnost with gloss

> ' Why have the authorities chosen to provide that piece of information? '

Gennady Gerasimov, whose smiling face was seen last weekend next to that of Charles Redmond in the first double-act by superpower Press spokesmen, personifies the Soviet Union's "Gorbachovized" media. Urbane, witty, able to quote as appositely from the Bible and from *Alice in Wonderland* as from the Marxist-Leninist classics, Gerasimov fends off the assaults of journalists twice a week at the Soviet Foreign Ministry's regular press briefings.

He is also available to give authorized, on the record, comments over the telephone to hard-pressed or merely curious correspondents. A practising journalist, he has a weekly newspaper column on foreign affairs and writes occasionally for *Moscow News*, the foreign language weekly.

Gerasimov's smiles, his willing*ness to talk (however guarded his* comments) and his availability set him apart from his predecessors, most of whom – like their masters – were dour mouthpieces for well-*travelled clichés*. But Gerasimov is at the top of a pyramid which conceals a host of lesser front-men for the Soviet Union and its policies. Most of them are under 50 *and have first-hand* experience of the West and its ways.

The arrival of the new Soviet media men *illustrates just* how much the Soviet Union was absorbing from the West during the 1970s and early 1980s, when it appeared, in many other respects, to be in deep slumber It has also made the task of gathering information in Moscow easier for foreign correspondents.

The new men are familiar with the expectations of Western journalists – and editors. The Foreign Ministry holds regular briefings which ensure both that correspondents have authorized information to produce stories from Moscow, and that the Soviet Union has a regular channel for its views. It also organizes occasional trips out of Moscow, in which selected correspondents are invited to participate.

Correspondents are called to the briefings by a formal announcement – "attention all foreign correspondents" – transmitted by the official news agency, Tass. Where a briefing is arranged at short notice, the correspondents are summoned by telephone by their Foreign Ministry "minder". The minder is a junior member of the Foreign Ministry staff, who has been assigned to the press department and *usually speaks* the *language of* the countries with whose nationals he deals. He plays a crucial role in the life of every foreign correspondent, and a poor relationship with him (there is, as yet, no "her") makes life harder than it already is.

The minder's job consists not only in ensuring his charges are familiar with the official line, but also in keeping them on the straight and narrow. He is the first point of contact for special requests. If you want to fix up an interview with a certain official, visit a particular institution or travel outside Moscow, telex your minder.

He is responsible for making sure you do not transgress the law. *Equally, it reflects on him if you do.* It is his duty to relay the reprimand or the official sorrow if, by dint of ignorance or ingenuity, you step out of line. Repeated absence from the foreign *press briefings*, a *minor* infringement of the travel regulations, difficulties with a visa application – all these may be raised, at first delicately, then more insistently, by your minder.

The passion for communication, especially with the West, being shown by the Gorbachov leadership makes Western correspondents a highly privileged caste. They are in the unique position of being needed by the Soviet authorities as much, if not more, than the correspondents need the authorities.

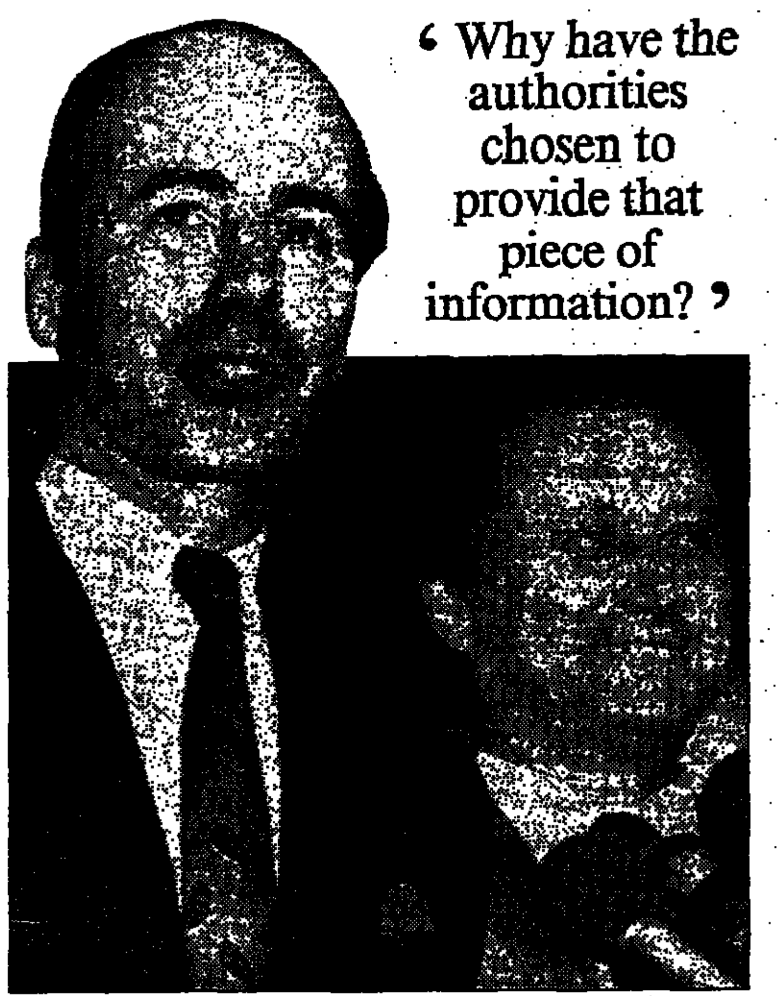
The efficiency of the Soviet information operation has improved beyond recognition in two years. The provision of information – *quantity and quality* – has also been transformed. Partly this is a result of *glasnost*, and the greater amount of information being made available to the Soviet public generally. It is no longer necessary to be a Kremlinologist of utmost deviousness to obtain interesting material from the Soviet Press and television these days. The stories about the failings of Soviet society are there for all to read.

The proliferation of published information and improved organization of the foreign press corps *brings its own problems, however.* For the first time perhaps since the thaw in the mid-1950s, there are sufficient stories emerging from official sources to fill the foreign *correspondent's daily quota* and more. There is no need, indeed precious little time, to go looking for them, either between the lines or further afield. There is little time *either to ask* "Why?" – *why have* the authorities (for it is still they) chosen to provide that particular piece of information on that particular day? What further purpose might it serve?

The Foreign Ministry may, on occasion, provide up to three official briefings in one day, in different parts of the city, which is not especially easy to traverse. Meanwhile, dissidents hankering for the limelight of the 1970s, Jewish and other activist groups, all clamour for the foreign correspondent's attention.

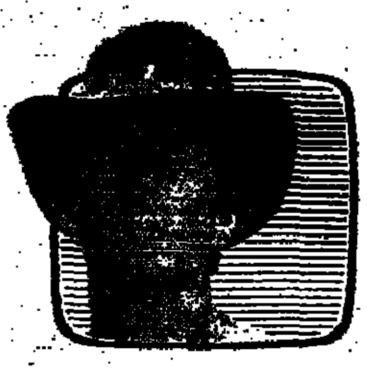
Still the teleprinter chatters on. "Meet the officials of the new theatre workers' union at the Taganka theatre" (this is where Yuri Lyubimov, now in emigration, used to be *director*, so attendance is advisable) . . . "The President of the International Olympic Committee will answer questions from foreign correspondents during a stop-over in *Moscow* on Sunday (might he say whether the Soviet team is going to Seoul, will he know the state of the North/South Korean discussions about sharing events in 1988?) . . . "At 7.30am tomorrow there will be a live transmission of the docking of the latest Soyuz spaceship with the space station Mir" – this at the international press centre in town – "the bar will open at 7am." They have got to know us all too well.

The author, a Times *journalist, was based in Moscow over the summer.*



Just the two of us: Charles Redmond and Gennady Gerasimov, the first East-West double-act in the short history of superpower press briefings

Croc of gold . . .



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Neil Watson

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With glossier paper and a new look, the Sunday magazines may be on their way to a separate existence, says Marcel Berlins

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Colour schemes: start of a new era for the Sunday supplements — and there is a Plus on its way to the provinces

They don't like the term supplement any more. It suggests a secondary, subservient existence, still with an aura of the throw-away. The word magazine, in contrast, gives off an air of independence and strength.

Last weekend the *Sunday Telegraph's* supplement became, obviously and deliberately, a magazine. The cover is glossier, the pages heavier and of better quality, the design modern. In less than two weeks, the *Observer's* new colour supplement appears after an even more radical transformation. There is talk — premature but not out of the question — that the newly-confident Sunday magazines could even have their own cover price and a separate existence.

The *Observer* re-vamp is being masterminded by Dennis Hackett, who was largely responsible for planning the successful and lively *You* magazine in the *Mail on Sunday*. Under Hackett the *Observer* mag has been redesigned and will have new writers and a different mix of editorial features.It will also have something which no other Sunday magazine has — a spine down its side. It will be, in the words of the trade, "perfect bound" rather than "saddle-stitched" the way all the supplements are at present. Hackett thinks the difference is important.

"Research shows that if it's got a spine it's perceived differently by readers. It's thought to last longer and be more up-market. That, in turn, will have a beneficial effect on the advertising. Perfect binding also means more flexibility in structure and production."

The *Observer* magazine, while having a strong identity of its own, will clearly be of the same stable as its parent paper. On the evidence, perhaps misleading, of its first issue, the *Sunday Telegraph* magazine is going its own way.

Its 27-year-old editor, Felicity Lawrence, admits that she wants her product to attract a younger market than did its predecessor. "We recognized that there was a need to improve the physical quality of the magazine, to try to make it a more substantial product for the consumer,"says David Pugh, the magazine's marketing director. "And if we're on better-looking paper, better designed and laid out, with better photographs, we can attract more advertising."

The *Sunday Times*, with the most profitable magazine among the qualities, does not see the need for any specific response. "We're already so far ahead in commercial and editorial terms, so much the dominant colour magazine, that I can understand why the others feel the need to re-vamp, as a response to us," says editor Philip Clarke. "Our position in the market is established, and we'll continue with our best efforts. But we're not looking over our shoulders to see what the others are doing."

The supplement revival is not limited to re-vamps of existing titles. Plans for a colour magazine for the provincial evening Press are far advanced, with a projected February launch date.

Previous ideas along the same lines have come to nothing, but *Plus*, published by Hamfield Publications, backed by £7 million and with a highly experienced and respected Fleet Street veteran, Vic Giles, as chief planner and first editor, already has the support of 29 evening papers.

Plus will have to satisfy not just readers covering the whole country and the whole spectrum of socio-economic groups A to D, but also 29 separate editors. "It will be a tightrope," Giles admits.

In the capital, which *Plus* will not reach, the *London Evening Standard* is starting its own glossy magazine on Friday week, to be available with the paper once a month. *Standard* editor John Leese describes it as "up market — a little more so than the paper itself. When you have a multiplicity of magazines, as we do now, it's important that the one that belongs to you has a character of its own."

It is that elusive separate identity which all the new magazines are striving for. If they achieve it, the prospect of being able to buy the magazine without the paper will not be far away.

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BYLINES

Banning the blues

Mrs Thatcher's proposal for preventing foreign satellites from beaming telly porn into Britain by prosecuting advertisers on the offending channels won't work, according to the the industry. "It's impractical," says Dick Johnson of Procter & Gamble, the advertisers' representative at Monday's Downing Street meeting when the Prime Minister floated the idea. What happens if the advertisers are foreign, he asks, adding: "We've always acknowledged the separation between reponsibility for editorial and advertising in this country."

But pressure from advertisers can be a powerful weapon. In the US the Moral Majority has in the past urged viewers to boycott the goods of advertisers who buy time in programmes considered offensive, and the threat of a boycott by advertisers who disliked its "left wing" storylines is widely believed to have led to the axing of the TV series *Lou Grant*.

Sunday revamp

The BBC 1's Sunday lunchtime *This Week, Next Week* is likely to be axed at John Birt's behest in favour of a half-hour political programme, just as Birt's old chums at LWT embark on a revamp of the rival *Weekend World*. New editor Jeremy Bugler, once of the *London Programme*, is expected to ditch Birt's favoured "analytical" approach because it is deeply tedious.

Battered image

The Council of the Institute of Public Relations meets this afternoon to discuss the worrying report produced earlier this year by MORI on the image of PR.

The business is growing at 50 per cent a year, but MPs, editors and even many of the captains of industry who pay the bills take a very dim view of the profession. Even in the City, where PR used to be held in high esteem, the last two years have seen a marked swing against it.

"We have to sort out the cowboys who are giving the business a bad name," said the IPR's PR consultant (yes, really), Pippa Nason, who will be pressing the Institute to take a lead in restoring the profession's battered image.

Date with death?

Sharp-eyed investors have been stocking up recently on shares in Japanese printing and paper companies, which have risen 10 per cent in the last few days, as they do every time Emperor Hirohito's health is threatened (he is in hospital for an operation and cancer tests). The Japanese system of numbering years from the Emperor's accession means that every calendar in the country has to be reprinted if the Emperor dies.

Briefly . . .

Britain's third best-selling monthly, *The Puzzler* (circulation 355,000), is celebrating its 15th birthday, something of a marathon for editor and publisher Alfred Gutmann, who produces it single-handed from his Hampstead home . . . **A London company called Nightmedia is offering advertisers the chance to slip commercials into nightclub DJs' patter** . . . Andover-based Dorchester Publications is launching the country's first regional women's magazine this Friday. The bi-monthly *Wessex Woman*, edited by ex-IPC journalist Linda White, hopes for a 25,000 sale to country Sloanes and their mothers from Exeter to Oxford . . . **Preliminary interviews are to take place tomorrow for editor of Radio 4's Today, the last of the three BBC flagship current affairs programmes whose editorships were advertised last month** . . . Is Eddy Shah thinking of starting a new newspaper? Pleading with magistrates not to ban him from driving after a speeding charge, his solicitor said he needed his car to work on a secret new project that would create 300 jobs . . . ***New Society* editor David Lipsey leads the field in the race to become editor of the *New Statesman* in succession to John Lloyd. Others in the frame include retired *Mirror* industrial editor Geoffrey Goodman, Martin Linton of *The Guardian* and Peter Kellner, once the *Statesman's* political editor . . .**

Freedom has trouble in finding its voice

Nicaragua's only opposition newspaper fights to get back on the streets in time

As workmen tested the printing presses, production manager Francisco Rosales pointed to a few dozen rolls of government supplied newsprint labelled Made in the USSR and shrugged.

"We've only got enough for two days," he said. "I'll be asking the Ministry of Industry for further supplies this week. Let's see what they say."

Scarce supplies of newsprint are among Senor Rosales' worries as *La Prensa*, Nicaragua's only opposition newspaper, prepares to go back into circulation following the surprise lifting at the weekend of a 15-month ban.

Violetta de Chamorro, co-owner and widow of Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, the *La Prensa* editor whose assassination in 1978 helped trigger a popular uprising against the Somoza dictatorship, described the government's gesture as "a big move" toward compliance with the Central American peace plan signed last month.

The decision to allow *La Prensa* to publish without censorship came as a surprise because no corresponding concessions had apparently been offered by other parties to the conflict.

"I was stunned when I heard the news," Rosales said, partly because of his sudden awareness of the obstacles that lie ahead if the newspaper is to hit the streets by October 1.

To continue paying the wages of the skeleton staff of 50 kept on since the shutdown, the owners of *La Prensa* sold off their delivery vans. The paper's most talented journalists have either left the country, or have sought other employment. Several joined the Contras, including Pedro Joaquin Chamorro junior, son of Violetta, and a former managing editor.

Although congressmen in Washington typically refer to *La Prensa* as a symbol of the struggle for democracy in Nicaragua, the newspaper seldom met the standards of objectivity normally accepted by Western media. Censorship was imposed in March 1982, and the newspaper was closed down in June 1986.

However, in the light of the imminent restoration of democratic freedom, the Sandinista leadership is gearing up for a "new phase of ideological struggle".

"The opposition is placing all its hopes on the media," said a source close to the government. "But we will fight them in open debate, word by word, phrase by phrase, and will see who the people believe."

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/1

How to conserve a castle

By Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent

Grand homes for sale: Converted Callaly Castle offers houses, cottages and flats

The sight of a decaying castle or country house, too big or too expensive to maintain, has been an all too frequent blot on the landscape in recent years.

Many of these once grand buildings are no more, but the desire of people to live outside the big cities or at least to have a second home in the countryside has brought about a total change in attitudes.

Now, if houses are too big for individuals to purchase, developers are keen to buy them, not in the hope of demolition and building anew, but to restore and convert them into manageable homes for those who want to be party to Britain's heritage.

In the more prosperous South of England this change goes on apace, the demand ever there, but further to the north the buildings are there but the people are fewer.

Kit Martin concentrates on the latter areas. Having trained as an architect and started a small practice in Cambridge, he decided to concentrate on the business of buying, renovating and converting historic houses. With Marcus Binney he wrote *The Country House: to be or not to be*, published by Save Britain's Heritage. The book is a practical look at the way in which houses might be saved without damage to their traditional character.

Mr Martin's work includes the rescue of the spectacular country house Gunton Hall in Norfolk. This Palladian villa was transformed from a gutted shell into 30 houses.

Mr Martin has now gone further into the wilds, to Cullen House, Banffshire, which has become 13 houses, and to Keith Hall near Aberdeen. Keith Hall is in its last stage and 12 of the 14 houses and flats have been sold. Despite the sudden change in the fortunes of Aberdeen because of the oil price decline, this development has continued to be successful.

Buyers want romance of historic buildings

Only two tower houses in this fine listed house are for sale, at £65,000 and £110,000. Details are available from Burnett and Reid (Aberdeen 53333).

Mr Martin believes that if the setting is right people will buy because they want the romance of historic buildings. He is now restoring and converting Callaly Castle in Northumberland, set in about 30 acres near the Scottish Borders, 35 miles from Newcastle upon Tyne and 10 miles from the market town of Alnwick.

"It is the perfect house for me," he says. It is a Grade I listed house, dating from the 15th century and built up in different periods up to the 19th century.

Kelly's Directory 1897 described it thus: "*The castle is pleasantly seated in* an extensive park ornamented with some fine timber and numerous plantations. A branch of the river Aln traverses the grounds and is formed into a series of miniature lakes and waterfall, which are well stocked with fish and frequented by water fowl. The scenery is highly picturesque. A pack of foxhounds is kept there, of which Major Browne is the Master."

The Browne family were only the third family to own the castle since Saxon times, says Mr Martin, and he bought it from them. It is a very large house, with wings added through the centuries, and as with such buildings that need a great deal of money spent on them to bring them back into full use, the purchase price is only a small part of the venture.

Mr Martin expects to spend more than £1 million, including the purchase price of between £100,000 and £200,000. One of the wings has been bought by the Browne family for their use.

The castle is based round the Pele *tower of 1415, which was extended with* a wing in 1676 by Trollope, an eminent builder in the north, and characterized *by elaborate masonry. A further wing* was added in 1707 to complete the south front, and in the mid-18th century the *north wing and present museum wing* were added, with a chapel.

The museum and chapel wings were completely rebuilt by the late Major Browne's grandfather, when he added two further wings that very much followed the detail and style of the original Trollope front.

This plan of wings round half courts lends itself to restoration and conversion to several self-contained houses, cottages and flats.

One of the features that will set the property apart is the small Victorian Browne museum, which was established by the former owners. It is a quirky collection of wildlife, including two kodiak bears, an assortment of animal heads and a large python – thus ruling the place out as far as the Duchess of York is concerned.

When the work is completed there will be 15 self-contained houses as well as other cottages and flats. In the current phase the four principal wings are being converted into four large separate houses, retaining the main spacious rooms.

Some are already sold, but one is available – a five-bedroom house with a galleried and panelled principal room, costing around £130,000. The place is, of course, a long way from the heady prices of London and the Home Counties, but *it is* interesting to consider what that price would buy there.

Houses in the wing facing the park will *have four bedrooms* and will cost *£80,000 to £90,000*, while another wing will provide two-bedroom and three-bedroom houses looking on to the garden and will cost *£50,000 to £65,000.* There is also a lodge, with two bedrooms and grounds of about an acre, priced at around *£45,000. Later*, flats and new houses in the walled garden will be completed.

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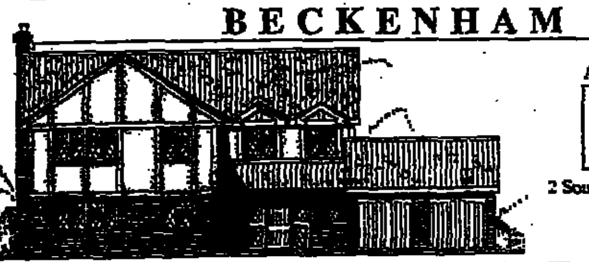

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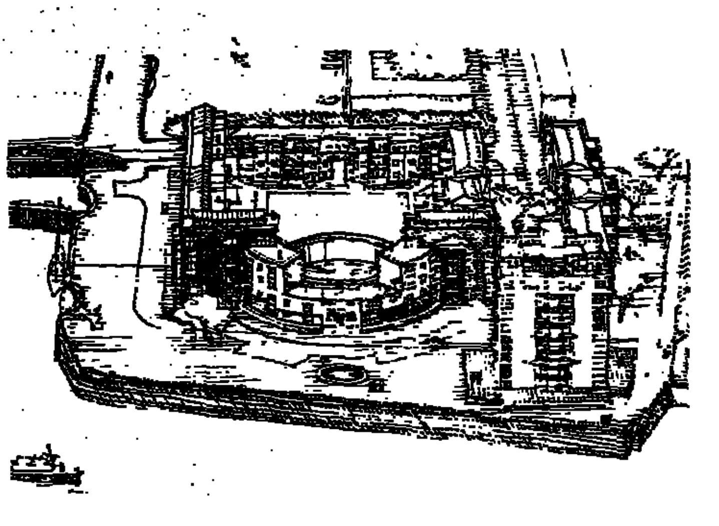

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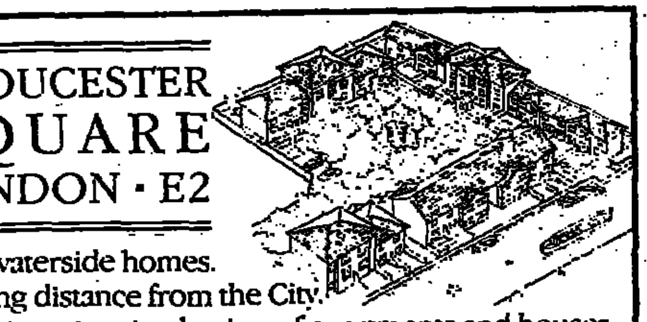

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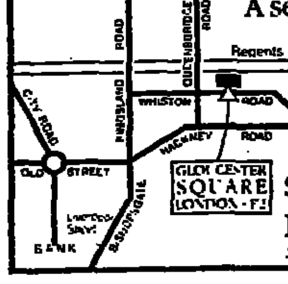

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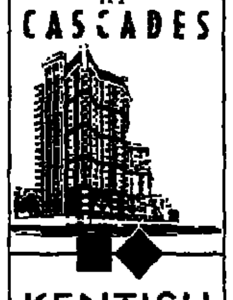

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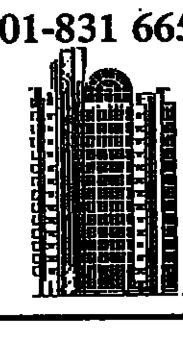

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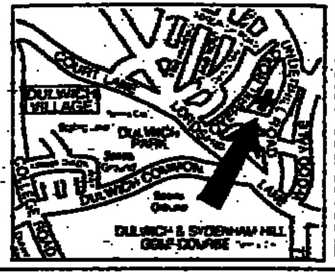

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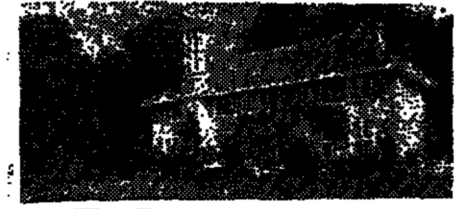

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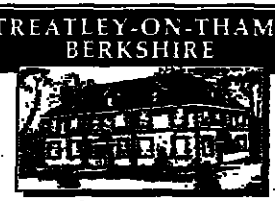

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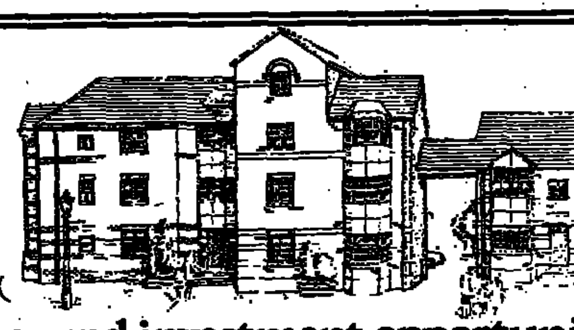

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IN THE MARKET

Big and beautiful at £3.25 million

■ Somerhill, one of the largest houses in Kent, a Grade I listed Jacobean *mansion built around 1611 and* extended in 1877, is being auctioned on October 5. It has 260 rooms, making it probably the county's second largest house behind Knowle Park (365 rooms), and it boasts the longest room in Kent, the 93ft library. The house is set in 135 acres near Tonbridge and once employed 34 staff and 14 gardeners. It is built on an H plan and retains many of its original features, including an ornate Italian plaster ceiling and panelling. In the grounds there is a swimming pool, a tennis court, cottages and greenhouses.

Its days as a private house now over, Somerhill has planning consent for conversion to flats with some new building, or for a hotel. Allsopp and Co expects a price of more than £3.25 million.

■ Number 1, Meard Street, Soho in central London, was built in 1732 and first *owned* by the harpsichord maker Burkat Shudi. It has since been the Westminster female penitent asylum. In today's smarter Soho there is a new demand. This property has been *restored as a one-bedroom flat*, and Westside Estates is asking £149,000.

■ Osborne House in South Bolton Gardens, South Kensington, is an *impressive double-fronted Grade II* listed Georgian house with three reception rooms, eight bedrooms and three bathrooms. It is approached through a large walled courtyard, which provides parking for four cars. An added attraction is its garden. In an area of central London where a pocket handkerchief describes the size of most gardens, it has a third of an acre, *including* an ornamental pond, a greenhouse and a summerhouse. Savills says the house requires "updating" but suggests it provides a country house without the need to commute. The price is around £2.65 million.

■ Langar House, at Langar, near Nottingham, was the birthplace of *Samuel Butler*, author of *Erewhon*. This Georgian former rectory in more than five acres has three reception rooms and seven or eight bedrooms. There is also a cottage and a building plot, and *Jackson-Stops & Staff's* Northampton office is asking £330,000.

■ Hollybush House is a listed Georgian house on Hadley Green, Barnet, Hertfordshire, carrying the privilege of "stints", created by the Dischasement Act of 1777, entitling the owner to graze to "commonable" beasts — horses, cattle and asses — on the common. The house, in three acres, has a drawing room with the original Adam fireplace, a panelled library, two further reception *rooms, two main bedroom suites and* seven more bedrooms. It also has a self-contained five-room office suite, a three-bedroom cottage, and a courtyard with an original Jacobean well that has natural clear drinking water. *Hampton &* Sons wants offers of more than £1.25 million.

The Old Vicarage in Turville, Buckinghamshire, is a very English vicarage in a very English village in the heart of the Chilterns. There is always demand for property here — a former council house in Turville changed hands for around £100,000 — but rarely does it come on the market. The charming Old Vicarage is a Grade II* listed house dating from the 17th and 18th centuries, but extended and remodelled in about 1820, and set in 17 acres close to the church. The main rooms face south across the gardens dominated by a fine copper beech, while a windmill looks down on it from a hilltop on the other side. *It is a country house on a manageable scale*, with a fine hall, a drawing room, a morning room, a dining room, five bedrooms, one of which has a balcony, and a number of attic rooms. The grounds include a three-bedroom cottage and a listed timber-framed barn. Knight Frank & Rutley wants offers of more than £650,000

New buzz in Spitalfields

The Spitalfields vegetable and flower market in the City of London, which has been in operation for more than 300 years since its first mention in 1682 and whose present buildings date back to 1876, is due to move east, to Temple Mills in the borough of Waltham Forest. The recommendation for the move, made by the City's policy and resources committee, goes before the City Corporation on October 22.

It should bring to an end uncertainty about the market's future in the light of the proposed redevelopment of its present City site. Three groups tendered for the site, which at about 11 acres in total is one of the largest in Europe *available for inner city redevelopment.*

When they were consulted on the three proposals, 80 per cent of the Spitalfields market and residential tenants came out in favour of the move to Temple Mills, a site of 32 acres of railway land by the River Lea and Hackney Marshes.

This is the scheme put forward by the Spitalfields Development Group (SDG), a consortium of London and Edinburgh Trust, Balfour Beatty and County and District Properties, which will build the new market and redevelop the existing site. SDG has full planning permission to construct a new market of 300,000 sq ft on the Temple Mills site, at an estimated cost of £24 million.

The redevelopment of the present site, which could be worth up to £500 million, will provide both office accommodation for the City and social benefit for the Spitalfields area. It was visited recently by the Prince of Wales, who expressed his distress at the deprivation of parts of the area.

Peter Rigby, chairman of the City's policy and resources committee, said that in accepting the offer from SDG the corporation was effectively making a huge contribution to inner city regeneration, more than £24 million as a planning gain to the borough of Tower Hamlets.

The SDG has been working on the scheme for three years, during which it "lived and breathed the Spitalfields project", according to Peter Beckwith, its chairman, and managing director of LET. In explaining the advantages to the "very hard pressed local community" through the social housing and other benefits, he says: "That is not the least important element of the scheme.

It involves the construction of 118 residential units, including sheltered accommodation for the elderly, to be handed over to three housing associations; and the establishment of a charitable community trust to provide employment, open space, housing developments and environmental improvements in the local area with a contribution of £2.5 million.

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To move the market, the corporation has to promote parliamentary legislation to provide the new location and to release the existing market for redevelopment. *The legislation must be deposited* in Parliament by November 27 and will take at least a year to receive the royal assent. No construction work will begin until the Bill has become an Act.

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Sermon on the sixth tee for Jack Nicklaus

Many of the golfers involved in this week's Ryder Cup, including Jack Nicklaus, the United States captain, have received help over the years from **John Jacobs**. In the second of three extracts from the new book, *John Jacobs' Impact On Golf*, the former captain of the European Ryder Cup team gives his frank opinions on some of the biggest names in the sport

Help needed: Nicklaus (right) and Tom Watson, pictured in the 1981 Ryder Cup, both sought Jacobs' advice — but Watson's request was refused

John Jacobs met Jack Nicklaus for the first time in 1969, when the American was going through a rough time. He had not won a major championship for almost two years. He was, by his standards, in a trough. The Open that year was played at Royal Lytham and St Annes and eventually won by Tony Jacklin, whose final round of 72 was described by Jacobs as "the most courageous round of golf I ever saw".

Two or three days before the championship began, the American had been playing a practice round and Jacobs had gone out to walk with him. Nicklaus was palpably unhappy. On the second tee he blocked and pushed the ball out to the right, over the British Rail line to Blackpool. He put down another ball and knocked it yards left; at the sixth, Nicklaus hit another huge push-fade, missing the fairway by 70 yards to the right.

He then turned to Jacobs, who was watching silently from behind the tee. "Come on," he said. "You're supposed to know something about it. What do you think?" Jacobs had already made up his mind that, if asked, he would say exactly what he thought. "Has anyone talked to you about posture, Jack?"

"What do you mean, posture?"

Jacobs explained: "The back of your neck is virtually parallel with the ground as you stand to the ball. Your head is so much over the ground that you can only rock and tilt your shoulders which will take the club straight back and up." He had touched a tender place. "Dammit," said Nicklaus. "When I was growing up, Jack Grout (his lifelong teacher) used to put his fist under my chin as I addressed the ball and tap it to make me get my head up and stand taller."

They stayed on Lytham's sixth tee hitting balls for 15 minutes. "If I were you, I would go and see Mr Grout when you get home," said Jacobs.

"When I get home? There's a championship on this week and I'd like to win it. What are you doing this evening?" asked Nicklaus.

Jacobs could see a problem. "Of course, I'll come and watch you hitting balls on the practice ground, but there will be hundreds of people milling about and I really don't think it would do for me to be seen standing there with you. I'll just stay in the crowd and watch you, and then we can talk about it afterwards." Nicklaus at once saw the point and that is what the two did, the American eventually finishing sixth.

Two months later, the Ryder Cup was played at Birkdale. A couple of days before the match, Nicklaus spotted Jacobs standing beside the clubhouse as he got out of his car. "Hey," he said, "I believe I've got it now. I think you'll approve. I'm going down to the practice ground now. Come and see what you think."

There were again crowds of people around and this time Jacobs shook his head. "There is nothing I'd sooner do, but I just daren't be seen with you, two evenings before the Ryder Cup." Nicklaus made it easy. "Sure, I understand," he said.

The influence of Nicklaus on later generations of golfers has been immense. Greg Norman, the blond Australian, was one who had tended to model himself on the American before Nicklaus perfected his big posture and swing changes in the late 1970s, which Jacobs had foreshadowed 10 years earlier at Lytham.

Jacobs recalled Norman's Achilles' heel when he first saw him. "He was taking the club back straight and very wide, keeping it swinging along the line. He could only do this if he was tilting, rather than turning the shoulders. He needed to cultivate more of a baseball swing. The very wide backswing made him a poor pitcher and chipper. Now that he folds his right arm as he turns, his angle of attack is so much better."

Another who received crucial and timely advice was the Spaniard, Seve Ballesteros, who sought out Jacobs at Wentworth in May 1979, just months before his Open victory at Royal Lytham and St Annes. "Please would you have a look at me. I slice everything," he said.

Jacobs remembers what he saw. "Seve had the club-face ever so strong at the address. He was closing it going back — curling it under — and then opening it through the ball, which was producing the slice. He was rocking rather than turning and that, incidentally, wasn't doing his back any good." The correction was as simple as the diagnosis. "All Seve needed to do was to weaken the club-face a little at the address and this made his action less underneath and his swing less of a straight line. We can't swing successfully up and down a straight line."

There is little doubt that Jacobs' advice was an important element in Seve's memorable victory at Lytham. For two or three years afterwards, whenever he had to wait on a tee, Ballesteros would often be seen to be swinging the club back and forth at hip level — like a baseball striker on the plate. This was to get his back turning, as opposed to rocking or tilting.

Jacobs' assessment of Ballesteros is fulsome. "Seve has lifted British and European golf up by the bootstraps to new levels. He has set new targets for our guys to shoot at, lifted their sights and given them a belief in themselves and their confidence to win. That's the measure of Seve's contribution to our game."

It is sometimes difficult for Jacobs to decide when to be drawn into giving a view and when to say nothing. He and his wife were sitting together with Tom Watson and his wife at dinner before the 1981 Ryder Cup. Watson, who was not, by his own high standards, playing well, remarked: "I can't hit my hat. What do you think?"

With the proximity of the match, the timing was tricky. Jacobs said: "Tom, if I was to tell you what I think and you then played very well, I'd kick myself, but, equally, if you then played badly I wouldn't be pleased either." Watson at once understood, just as Nicklaus had done at Birkdale 10 years before.

Ben Hogan's Open, at Carnoustie in 1953, had a special interest for Jacobs. He arrived at the clubhouse to find he had been allotted a locker next to Hogan, whom the sports writers of the day dubbed "The Hawk". "I was nervous about opening up a conversation, but Ben was always courteous."

Hogan triumphed immaculately over a big and searchingly difficult course and added the Open to the US Masters and US Open titles, which he had already won, but Jacobs also remembers him for an uncharacteristic episode in a charity match at Tulsa, Oklahoma, two years later, in which the two of them were playing.

"There was a longish hole on the back nine where the second shot had to be laid up short, which left a pitch to the pin. I had hit my drive off the next tee and was watching Hogan play his pitch. He hit the ball clean off the socket; it flew sharply right and very nearly hit me. I bet there aren't many who have seen Ben Hogan hit a full-blooded shank."

That year left another interesting legacy. The 1955 Open, at St Andrews, marked Jacobs' first meeting with Gary Player, from South Africa, a wiry, whipcord-tight pocket figure whose competitiveness and plain guts would before long take him to the summit of the game.

"Although he had that rather peculiar, very flat rounded swing, it was repetitive. He hooked everything, but he hooked it well — that was the point. The ball always came down soft. You could see he was dedicated to the game and out to learn every scrap he could."

Jacobs has the ability to provide penetrating and original descriptions of a great player's swing. Take his sighting of the late South African, Bobby Locke, four times an Open champion, and the possessor of one of the really individual actions in the game.

"Locke's was a very particular type of hook. Ninety per cent of the time, the bad hook is where you have the club-head working purely through the hands and wrists, totally independently of the body. Locke did not do this. He aimed a long way right and at the top of the swing, the shaft pointed 50 degrees to the right. He had a weak left-hand grip and at the top the face was open, wrists under the shaft. But then he turned into the ball, crushing the ball, then the turf; and, unlike most hookers who hit up on the ball, his irons stopped quickly."

When Locke went to the United States in 1947, he took the Tour apart, winning six tournaments and finishing second in two. His critics claimed he had a weak left-hand grip. "Fair enough," he said. "I take the cheques with the right."

It is close to 60 years now since John Jacobs, as a small child, first started to hit a golf ball about Lindrick Common. Time enough to look back over some of the great golfers he has come into contact with, but time also to gaze ahead.

He sees golf swings in the future becoming more similar. "Young players will start from a better base, with better grips and set-ups. There will be a better understanding of ball-flight tendencies and what produces them. There will be fewer way-out players like Hubert Green and Lee Trevino, but occasional geniuses like Nicklaus and Ballesteros will always stand out.

TOMORROW

The courage of Britain's newest golf champion — Nick Faldo.

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HOCKEY

Lilleshall starts a busy spell

By Sydney Friskin

The 1987-88 English indoor season will start with a training weekend at Lilleshall, on December 12 and 13, for which a party of 18 players has been invited. It includes several men in the running for places in the Great Britain outdoor squad, including Jon Potter, David Faulkner, Imran Sherwani and Sean Kerly.

Twelve players will eventually be selected for indoor commitments which include the home international tournament at Perth from December 17 to 19, an international event at Barcelona from December 26 to 29, and the annual HDM tournament at The Hague, in which Scotland will also be playing, from January 14 to 17.

Scotland are the only team from the British Isles who have qualified for the European indoor championships, starting in Vienna on January 29. The Glenfiddich indoor international tournament will be held in Glasgow on January 9 and 10.

ENGLAND SQUAD: J Hurst (St Albans), S Taylor (Stourport), S Rowlands (Leicester Westleigh), D Faulkner (Fareham), J Potter (East Grinstead), I Sherwani (Slough), R Leman (East Grinstead), M Grimley (St Albans), A Halliday (St Albans), D Knott (Stourport), N Clark (Southgate), J Shaw (Southgate), D Willis (Bromley), S Kerly (Southgate), R Hill (Firebrands), R Purchase (Firebrands), I Jennings (St Albans), P Nicholson (Firebrands)

Large English presence in training party

Twelve of England's squad of 16 players, who won the silver medal in the second European Cup for women earlier this month, have been named in a 32 strong Great Britain party preparing for next year's Olympic Games.

The pool, from which a maximum of 26 players will be asked to attend each of the six training sessions throughout the season, also includes 15 players from the Scotland, Wales and Ireland teams who were also on duty at Pickett's Lock.

The first training session has been pencilled in for Crystal Palace from October 16 to 18, the same weekend the international federation meet in Brussels to decide the final places for next year's Olympic tournament.

Whether Britain qualify or not for Seoul, a squad will be sent to the Australian bicentennial tournament next March.

TRAINING SQUAD: J Atkins (Eng), W Banks (Wal), L Bayliss (Eng), G Brown (Eng), K Brown (Eng), M Cheetham (Eng), J Cook (Eng), V Dixon (Eng), K Edwards (Eng), J Elms (Wal), S Fraser (Scot), W Fraser (Sco), H Green (Wal), C Jordan (Scot), J Lewis (Eng), J Lovegrove (Wal), S Lister (Eng), V McBride (N Ire), M McLeod (Sco), G Messenger (Sco), K Parker (Eng), A Ramsey (Sco), K Roderick (Wal), C Rule (Eng), J Sixsmith (Eng), J Smith (Eng), C Starling (Sco), H Thomas (Wal), S Williams (Eng), L Watkins (Wal).

RUGBY UNION: LANCASHIRE SHOW STRENGTH AT CLUB AND COUNTY LEVEL

Wakefield plunder Borders

By Michael Stevenson

That the Borders of Scotland are the home of the seven-a-side game is hardly classified information: nor is it unknown for English contenders to return with their tails between their legs. Hence, Wakefield have started their season in remarkably triumphant style by becoming the unlikely winners of the Selkirk Sevens tournament.

Their team was a mixture of flair and graft: Mike Harrison, Ray Adamson, Bryan Barley and Dave Scully formed the backs, and the forwards were Mark Rawnsley, Clive Harris — normally a centre — at hooker and Graham Marshall.

They beat the home side 24-6, Hawick, the favourites, 20-18, in a blistering semi-final, and Harlequins 12-10 in the final. Having conquered the north, they moved swiftly south the following week, and also won the prestigious Lord's Taverner's Sevens at the Stoop Memorial Ground.

No prodigal has returned to the accompaniment of more wholehearted rejoicing than Peter Buckton, to his old club, Liverpool, now merged to become Liverpool St Helens. One of the most exciting back-row forwards in England, Buckton has been consistently underestimated because of his relative lack of size.

Early in the season an element of "musical chairs" entered into the club scene. Nobody has played it with more gusto than Charles Cusani, the promising, former Orrell No. 8, and brother of David Cusani, the England lock. He played his rugby last year for Roma, in Italy, but appeared to have decided to join Fylde this winter. He then seemed set for a return to Orrell — but sold his final dummy by deciding to go back to Roma.

Sale, one of the north's three first division sides, welcome two members of the successful Yorkshire side that tried so hard to inject English rugby with a sense of urgency and adventure. John Bentley, a powerful and pacey centre from Otley, and Martin Whitcombe, a strong, skilful and mobile prop from Bedford, have joined the club.

Two sons of famous fathers made their debuts recently. Gary French played his first match for Liverpool St Helens, who beat Widnes by a single point, and Paul Ashcroft represented Lancashire B against North Wales.

North Wales played with immense spirit to beat Lancashire B 9-7, and outstanding for them was their rubbery, elusive scrum-half, Simon Butterworth, who competes with Gary Williams for the scrum-half position at Pwllheli.

O'Driscoll strengthens county side

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

One member of Lancashire's new coaching team of Mike Slemen and John O'Driscoll will be able to see at first hand the merits and demerits of players available today. O'Driscoll, who played for his club, London Irish, in Ireland over the weekend, appears on the flank for the county in their game against British Police at Liverpool St Helens, which forms part of their preparation for the Toshiba county championship next month.

The combination of players and coaches available to Lancashire is exciting: Slemen was regarded during his days as England's regular wing as one of the most perceptive of players by, among others, the most perceptive of coaches, Carwyn James. O'Driscoll's qualities, whether wearing the colours of Ireland or the British Lions, are still fresh enough to be well-known.

Nor do the leading players, by and large, shun the county championship in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Wade Dooley and Steve Bainbridge, the England locks, both play at St Helens today — for the county, it should be added, in Dooley's case, since he, Nigel Heslop and Brendan Hanavan are all policemen.

Hanavan, the Fylde wing, was England's leading try-scorer last season with 49. He and Colin King, the Liverpool St Helens prop, are new to the county side and will hope to win their county caps in the first championship match of the season.

LANCASHIRE: S Langford (Orrell); N Heslop (Waterloo), N Simms (Liverpool St Helens), P Jenkins (Waterloo), B Hanavan (Fylde); G Ainscough (Orrell), G Williams (Pwllheli); C King (Liverpool St Helens), N Hitchin (Orrell), D Southern (Orrell, capt), J O'Driscoll (London Irish), W Dooley (Fylde), S Bainbridge (Fylde), D Cleary (Orrell), M Kenrick (Sale).

Ballymena hit by injuries

By George Ace

Ballymena's bright start to the centenary year, with wins over Hawick, Glaswegians and London Irish after a narrow defeat by Irish Wolfhounds, has been clouded somewhat by serious injuries to two key players.

Ronnie McBride, a regular for many seasons in the centre, sustained a triple fracture of a leg at the Collegians 15-a-side tournament earlier this month, and wing forward Brian Robinson, who toured Zimbabwe with Ulster, has severely damaged ligaments in his knee. McBride is definitely out for the rest of the season and Robinson will certainly not play before Christmas.

"It is most unfortunate. McBride has been a great servant to the club and I rate Robinson one of the best back row prospects in Ulster, if not Irish, rugby," Syd Millar, the club president, said yesterday. "He is only 21, but there is a confidence and maturity about his play that belies his years."

For Saturday's game against Stewart's Melville at Eaton Park, Ballymena will be without Ringland, Rainey, Millar and Brady, all on Ulster duty against Yorkshire at Morley, as well as their two injured players. Fortunately, Ballymena have considerable strength and depth, and even if the "big guns" are missing they will still give their Scottish visitors a searching examination.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup
Second round, first leg

Blackburn v Liverpool
Blackpool v Newcastle
Charlton v Walsall (7.45)
Doncaster v Arsenal
Leeds v York
Leicester v Scunthorpe (7.45)
Manchester Utd v Hull
Middlesbrough v A Villa
Nottingham F v Hereford
Oxford v Mansfield
Peterborough v Plymouth
QPR v Millwall (7.45)
Reading v Chelsea (8.0)
Torquay v Tottenham

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Welling
Cheltenham v Wycombe
Maidstone v Wealdstone

Skol Cup
Semi-finals

Aberdeen v Dundee (at Tannadice Park)
Motherwell v Rangers (at Hampden Park)

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: *Bradford v Liverpool (7.30)*; Derby v Sheffield Wednesday; Huddersfield v Aston Villa (7.30). Postponed: Sheffield United v Nottingham Forest. Second division: Barnsley v Port Vale, Preston v Darlington; West Bromwich v Stoke.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton v Queen's Park Rangers (7.15); Ipswich v Swindon (3.0).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Oswestry v Witton; Southport v Rhyl; Workington v Marine. First division: Accrington Stanley v Congleton; Farsley v Stalybridge; *Radcliffe v Leek*; Sutton Town v Eastwood; Winsford v Eastwood Hanley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Bury v Cambridge City; Gosport v Andover; Mile Oak v Redditch; Paget Rangers v Shepshed; Wellingborough v Corby.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Tring v Barton. AC Delco Cup: First round: Chesham v Worthing; Southwick v Slough; Walthamstow Avenue v Yeovil.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Bideford v Dawlish (7.45); Minehead v Torrington (7.45); Saltash v Plymouth Argyle (7.45).

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland v Tow Law; Brandon v Gretna, Consett v Ryhope; Crook v Ferryhill; Shildon v Chester-le-Street; South Bank v Blue Star; Spennymoor v Whitley Bay.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: West Ham v Colchester.

FA VASE: Preliminary round replays: Histon v Canvey Island. Lancing v Horley; Thetford v Great Shelford.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Edinburgh v France XV (at Goldenacre, 3.30).

CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanderers v Lydney (7.15); Gloucester v Exeter (7.0); Llanelli v Bridgend (7.0); London Welsh v Metropolitan Police (5.30); Maesteg v Penarth (7.15); Pontypridd v Cardiff (7.15); West Hartlepool v Stockton (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

GRUNHALLE LAGER LANCASHIRE CUP: Second round: Swinton v Leigh; Wigan v Salford; Workington v Warrington.

JOHN SMITH'S YORKSHIRE CUP: Second round: Featherstone v York; Halifax v Castleford; Leeds v Wakefield.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Inter-county: Essex v Hampshire (at Romford); Gloucestershire v Berkshire (at Gloucester City).

BOXING: Tournament (at King's Hall, Stoke).

CROQUET: South of England championships (at Compton club, Eastbourne).

DARTS: Unipart British professional championship (at Redcar).

SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix: Preliminary rounds (at Bristol).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Long Eaton v Middlesbrough. London Cup: Wimbledon v Hackney (7.45).

SQUASH RACKETS: Northumbria championship (at Kingston's, Newcastle).

TENNIS: Maureen Connolly international team competition (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

VOLLEYBALL: Royal Bank Men's international tournament (at Aston Villa Leisure Centre).

SPORT ON TV

DARTS: Unipart British professional championship: Highlights of the second round and first quarter-final from Redcar. BBC2: 4.0, 10.20 and 11.40 p.m.

MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL: Football: *Littlewoods Cup Second round action*. Snooker: Ambitions and aspirations of Stephen Hendry, teenage player. ITV: 10.30 p.m

SWIMMING

Olympic place is target for Burrell

Ricky Burrell, the former Olympic swimmer, is considering a comeback and a possible place in Britain's team for next year's games in Seoul. Burrell swims in a 50 metres butterfly event at Southampton's Open meeting from September 25 to 27.

"He is looking to see just how fast he can go," Dave Heathcott, the Southampton coach, said. "If he likes his time then I think he will start a serious comeback attempt with the next Olympics as his target."

Burrell, aged 28, swam in the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 and was captain of England's Commonwealth Games team two years earlier.

He swam the last of many internationals in 1985, but the new rules which allow swimmers to receive cash in the form of a Trust Fund, may now help to decide him on a return to serious swimming. The reintroduction of 50 metres events will also be to his advantage.

RACING: TWO NATIONAL HUNT MEETINGS

DEVON & EXETER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Hope Cove. 2.30 Kentucky Quest. 3.0 Saint Malo. 3.30 Plum Bossy. 4.0 Battle Master. 4.30 Belliver Prince.

Going: firm (chase course); good to firm (hurdles)

2.0 *FRIDAY SHOW NOVICES HURDLE* (£954: 2m 5f) (16 runners)

4 20 BEERA QUEST 37 T Hallett 8-10-12 Samantha Dunster (7)
5 00- BISHOPRIC 175 C Bravery 6-10-12 Lorna Vincent
7 04-4 DOWN TO DARKIE 25 Mrs J Retter 12-10-12 Mr P Scholfield
10 220- WANTER 295 T Bailey 7-10-12 Peter Hobbs
12 2 LARS NILSEN 7 B Smart 5-10-12 D Tegg (7)
16 000- PROVERBIAL SESSION 277 (B) W McKenzie-Coles 6-10-12 P Dever
17 -PFF STRETCH OUT 25 (F) C Holmes 9-10-12 J Taite (7)
19 034- WINTER HAVEN 162 J Baker 4-10-10 M Williams
20 0-31 AWANEEN 18 (F) Miss S Oliver 6-10-7 J Duggan
21 P-1P CLAYHILL GIRL 7 (F) M Pipe 6-10-7 P Scudamore
22 0-P FLOREAT REGINA 25 J Bennett 6-10-7 S Shilston
24 2 HOPE COVE 13 (BF,F) D Barons 5-10-7 P Nicholls
25 KERSTI DUNN I Wardle 5-10-7 K Townend
26 00P- MISS BOOTSIE 181 N Ayliffe 6-10-7 M Ayliffe
27 P/4- ONE MORE TRY 119 G Ham 5-10-7 B Powell
28 0/00 ORANGE BLOSSOM 42 (B) Mrs A Knight 7-10-7 George Knight

7-4 Awaneen, 11-4 Winter Haven, 5-1 Lars Nilsen, 6-1 Hope Cove, 8-1 Clayhill Girl, 12-1 others.

2.30 GUS HONEYBUN NOVICES HURDLE (£948: 2m 1f) (12)

1 0-10 WALCISIN 11 (F) J Baker 4-11-3 M Williams
2 0-11 SKEVENA 7 (B,CD,F) D Elsworth 4-11-3 P Holley (7)
3 /0P- CORN MERCHANT 285 S Harris 6-11-0 K Burke (7)
6 3-00 GERYON 12 L Waring 6-11-0 George Knight
7 P HERES-A-RISK 13 W G Turner 6-11-0 Tracy Turner (7)
8 KENTUCKY QUEST M Pipe 5-11-0 J Lower
12 0P0- PRIAM LODGE 158 Miss L Bower 6-11-0 R Rowell
20 03-0 GO PERSIAN 22 (B) B Venn 10-10-9 B Powell
21 0B4- LIZZY LONGSTOCKING 156 Mrs J Wonnacott 5-10-9 D Wonnacott
23 0-00 RYDWELLS-STAR 11 B Forsey 8-10-9 N Coleman
24 U- FARCEUSE 119 G Balding 4-10-7 A Charlton (7)
25 3P-0 FIVE QUARTERS 12 W G M Turner 4-10-7 R Dunwoody

11-10 Skevena, 100-30 Kentucky Quest, 5-1 Lizzy Longstocking, 8-1 Geryon, 10-1 Walcisin, 14-1 others.

3.0 TODAY SOUTH WEST NOVICES CHASE (£2,333: 2m 1f) (6)

3 -401 SAINT MALO 11 (F) M McCourt 5-11-6 G McCourt
4 -330 BLACKBOOSH 23 (B,F,S) C Popham 8-11-3 B Powell
6 0-2F GREY GENERAL 18 (BF) M Oliver 6-11-3 R Rowe
8 P/0- LEVANT WAY 127 W Fisher 7-11-3 S McNeill
9 223F MASTER BRABINGER 28 A Barrow 8-11-3 Peter Hobbs
11 10-F UP COOKE 11 (F,S) M Pipe 6-10-12 P Scudamore

6-4 Saint Malo, 3-1 Up Cooke, 9-2 Grey General, 7-1 Blackboosh, 8-1 Master Brabinger, 14-1 Levant Way.

3.30 FARMING NEWS SELLING HURDLE (£711: 2m 1f) (7)

1 000- GREGORIAN CHANT 203 M Oliver 4-11-5 R Dunwoody
3 00 SECLUSIVE 11 R Gow 4-11-5 R Rowe
4 P ANNABEN 4 W G M Turner 4-11-0 D Morris (4)
5 PLUM BOSSY M Usher 4-11-0 C Mann
7 MELGROVE (B) R Juckes 3-10-5 T Wall
9 0 SUNSET SAM 18 R Simpson 3-10-5 D Gallagher (4)
11 SPARKLING JUDY C Wildman 3-10-0 Lorna Vincent

2-1 Sunset Sam, 5-2 Plum Bossy, 4-1 Gregorian Chant, 13-2 Annaben, 10-1 Melgrove, 16-1 Seclusive, Sparkling Judy.

4.0 WHITBREAD BEST BITTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,650: 2m 1f) (7)

1 2331 COME ON GRACIE 7 (CD,F,S) M Pipe 6-11-12 (5ex) P Scudamore
2 12- FOLK DANCE 139 (S) G Balding 5-11-10 R Guest
5 030- CAMDEN BELLE 142 (F,G) Miss L Bower 5-11-3 R Rowell
6 0U-3 RUSTY ROC 12 (S) M Davies 6-10-6 W Knox
7 0-44 DICK'S FOLLY 12 (F,G,S) R Hodges 8-10-3 R Linley
9 1122 BATTLE MASTER 7 (B,CD,F) P Hobbs 6-10-1 Peter Hobbs
13 120/ POGELLA 506 (S) W G Turner 5-10-0 Tracy Turner (7)

2-1 Come On Gracie, 7-2 Folk Dance, 4-1 Battle Master, 6-1 Rusty Roc, 8-1 Dick's Folly, 12-1 others.

4.30 TELEVISION SOUTH WEST HANDICAP CHASE (£2,491: 3m 1f) (5)

3 12-1 *BELLIVER PRINCE* 13 (F,G,S) J Baker 7-11-10 M Williams
4 -P24 TRISKA 21 (B,D,F,G,S) C Popham 11-11-9 B Powell
5 1342 DONAGHMOYNE 21 (F,G) Miss L Bower 10-11-8 Mr T Grantham (4)
8 4P-4 FISHING SONG 12 O Carter 11-10-8 R Dunwoody
11 P-20 EGGINGTON 5 (S) J Parfitt 9-10-0 D Tegg (7)

8-15 Belliver Prince, 3-1 Triska, 6-1 Donaghmoyne, 12-1 Fishing Song, 16-1 Eggington.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Elsworth, 19 winners from 64 runners, 29.7%; G Balding, 12 from 54, 22.2%; P Hobbs, 8 from 38, 21.1%; M Pipe, 45 from 220, 20.5%; D Barons, 16 from 108, 14.8%; T Hallett, 9 from 97, 9.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Linley, 13 winners from 73 rides, 17.8%; P Scudamore, 19 from 115, 16.5%; B Powell, 23 from 146, 15.8%. (Only qualifiers).

PERTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Solent Express. 2.45 Bartinas Star. 3.15 Greed. 3.45 Rivers Secret. 4.15 Prince Metternich. 4.45 Hi Wallie.

Going: good

2.15 KINCULL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£676: 2m) (8 runners)

3 000/ TINOCO 506 (D,S) J Fitch-Heyes 7-11-0 NON—RUNNER
4 1-00 SOLENT EXPRESS 13 (D,F,S) G Stevens 4-11-7 M Stevens
5 00U- DR GUILLOTINE 124 (CD,F,G,S) W Fairgrieve 12-11-6 G Thomson
6 0-03 SAIZANO 16 (CD,S) J Gillen 5-11-3 G Lyons
7 320 MARKET SPIRIT 25 P Blockley 3-11-1 W Smith
8 00-4 EASTERN OASIS 32 J Andrews 4-11-0 M Alston
9 003- TOP O'TH' LANE 125 N Bycroft 10-11-0 A Lease
11 P04- VICTORY BOY 125 (F) T Cuthbert 9-10-13 D Telfer

9-4 Market Spirit, 3-1 Eastern Oasis, 9-2 Dr Guillotine, 6-1 Top O'The Lane, 13-2 Solent Express, 8-1 others.

2.45 FAIR MAIDS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,576: 2m 4f) (5)

1 111- TRAVELOWEN 121 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 10-11-10 R Lamb
3 12-3 BARTINAS STAR 16 (D,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-9 M Dwyer
4 004- JOE'S FANCY 189 (G,S) P Liddle 9-10-0 T P White (7)
6 1131 ANOTHER FLAME 16 (C,D,F,G,S) W Storey 10-10-0 (5ex) A Carroll
10 /P2- KIBSBOY 125 (D,F,G) W Fairgrieve 7-10-0 J Hansen

6-4 Bartinas Star, 5-2 Another Flame, 7-2 Travelowen, 5-1 Joe's Fancy, 12-1 Kibsboy.

3.15 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,601: 2m) (8)

1 100- MASNOON 1 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 4-11-10 NON—RUNNER
3 013- GREED 137 (D,F) Denys Smith 6-11-8 C Grant
5 03-0 PLEDGDON GREEN 4 (D,S) V Thompson 7-11-0 Mr M Thompson (4)
6 110- MEADOW MOOR 130 (D,F,S) D Lamb 4-10-10 R Lamb
7 131- SAMONIA 116 (D,F) T Cunningham 7-10-2 T P White (7)
8 -332 FOUR SPORT 2 (D,F) J Fitch-Heyes 5-10-1 NON—RUNNER
9 000/ SHEBA'S GLORY 680 (G,S) F Watson 9-10-0 M Hammond
10 -0-40 SPECIAL SETTLEMENT 16 (CD,S) R Allan 5-10-0 R Fahey (7)

7-4 Greed, 11-4 Meadow Moor, 7-2 Pledgdon Green, 5-1 Samonia, 8-1 Special Settlement, 16-1 Sheba's Glory.

3.45 SOTHEBY'S JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,856: 2m) (9)

2 111 RIVERS SECRET 25 (D,F,G) Denys Smith 11-4 C Grant
3 AUTOBAHN Miss S Hall 11-0 P Tuck
4 04 BENFIELD MORPETH 25 W Storey 11-0 A Carroll
5 COOL REBEL Miss M Bell 11-0 B Storey
6 GARY BABY P Blockley 11-0 W Smith (7)
10 PRINCEGATE Miss S Hall 11-0 R Lamb
11 SECOND ATTEMPT Miss M Bell 11-0 B Storey
13 4 DONNAS DARLING 32 B Stevens 10-9 S Moore
16 VIKING ROCKET C Parker 10-9 K Doolan

5-4 Rivers Secret, 5-1 Donnas Darling, 6-1 Autobahn, 8-1 Benfield Morpeth, 9-1 Princegate, 12-1 others.

4.15 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT NOVICES CHASE (£1,469: 3m) (9)

1 32-1 CAMROC 23 (F) W A Stephenson 7-12-4 NON—RUNNER
2 4-30 COPY WRITER 15 P Liddle 9-11-11 C Grant
4 FP MISTER CARRICK 288 K Oliver 6-11-11 J K Kinane
6 043- PANEGYRIST 125 C Alexander 12-11-11 P Niven
7 00F4 PRINCE METTERNICH 15 C J Bell 6-11-11 C Dennis (7)
8 022P PRINCE SOL 9 (B) V Thompson 8-11-11 —
9 4- PEELBRAEHOPE 147 Miss M Bell 5-11-7 B Storey
10 F0P- DIZZY DORA 115 Miss Z Green 7-11-6 —
11 00-0 PAUPER MOON 16 W Reed 7-11-6 T Reed

5-2 Prince Metternich, 3-1 Copy Writer, 6-1 Prince Sol, 8-1 Panegyrist, 10-1 Peelbraehope, 14-1 others.

4.45 DUNSCRUB NOVICES HURDLE (£685: 2m) (9)

1 P10- AROUND THE CLOCK 186 C Parker 8-11-0 K Doolan
2 -004 CRACK-A-JIM 4 Miss Z Green 5-11-0 —
3 410- HI WALLIE 191 (S) Miss M Bell 5-11-0 B Storey
4 0 KEVINO 25 W A Stephenson 5-11-0 K Jones
5 000 LOTHIAN ADMIRAL W Crawford 5-11-0 P Tuck
6 10/ SUTTON BANK 1067 (G) J Mooney 9-11-0 J Mooney
7 00- TOSHEN BOY 289 D Lamb 7-11-0 —
9 -P00 OVERTON LASS 16 W Young 7-10-9 D Nolan
10 000- BUSH MAID 151 P Liddle 4-10-7 T P White (7)

13-8 Lothian Admiral 125, 5-2 Kevino, 4-1 Crack-A-Jim, 6-1 Hi Wallie, 10-1 Toshen Boy, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Denys Smith, 17 winners from 53 runners, 32.1%; W A Stephenson, 17 from 77, 22.1%; G Richards, 25 from 114, 21.9%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: M Hammond, 6 winners from 21 rides, 28.6%; C Grant, 23 from 111, 20.7%; P Tuck, 16 from 84, 19.0%; B Storey, 9 from 58, 15.5%; R Lamb, 6 from 47, 12.8%. (Only qualifiers).

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Trapeze Artist can do the trick

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following that three lengths victory at York 20 days ago, Trapeze Artist is now napped to win the Ditton Handicap at Sandown Park even though a 5lb penalty has increased his weight to 9st 9lb.

Ile de Roi and Fire Bay, two of his principal rivals, are similarly penalised for recently winning at Thirsk and Goodwood, respectively.

Although Trapeze Artist has never looked the easiest of rides the fact remains he has won twice over today's course and distance and he does go noticably well for Steve Dawson, his jockey this afternoon.

It is also pertinent to point out that when he finished second to Saronicos in a similar race at Sandown in the spring Ile de Roi was third. And they meet now on the same terms.

More recently, Ile de Roi has won the Hambleton Cup at Thirsk where he made all the running to beat the subsequent Ayr winner Area Code.

It is my contention that Ile de Roi's aggressive style of racing will play into the hands of Dawson and Trapeze Artist, who does best when held for a late run.

Those tactics were certainly mightily effective earlier in the season when he won at Newmarket from In Dreams, Paean and Buckley. And you cannot fault that form.

Otherwise, it should pay to follow Gerald Cottrell who is enjoying such a rewarding season.

At Salisbury 13 days ago, the Cullumpton trainer pulled off a nice double with Talk Of Glory and Gallant Hope. Now the same two horses are fancied for the Wey Handicap and the West End Handicap, respectively.

Gallant Hope (3.5) has certainly come good at the age of five having started the season as a maiden. That victory on the Wiltshire track was his fifth of the year following earlier successes at Sandown, Folkestone, Bath and Chepstow.

I also noted him running particularly well over today's course and distance in August when he finished third behind The Mechanic and Tachyon Park.

Today's programme can begin with a second winning ride for William Haggas's apprentice Simon Giles, on School Concert in the Oxshott Apprentice Nursery. The pair made all the running at Folkestone in August when they won over six furlongs.

That makes me think that they will prove hard to catch this afternoon racing up Sandown's five-furlong fifth sprint shute, especially as they have a handy high draw.

The Weel Handicap at Beverley will be Kamaress's third race in 11 days.

The reason why her trainer Mel Brittain is going to the well so quickly again is that Kamaress has been tested in foal to Grey Desire, a tough sprinter he used to train. So opportunities are running out.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 School Concert.
2.30 Talk Of Glory.
3.05 Gallant Hope.
3.35 Savahra Sound.
4.05 TRAPEZE ARTIST (nap).
4.40 Summer Posy.

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2.00 RECTORY MAID (nap).
2.30 Sleuth.
3.05 —
3.35 Timothy's Toy.
4.05 Fire Bay.
4.40 Interlacing.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 ELA–YIANNI–MOU (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D.Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **Draw: 5f, high numbers best on soft ground**

2.0 OXSHOTT APPRENTICE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,278: 5f) (15 runners)

101	(8)	134013	JERONIME 7 (D,F,G) (F Northcott) R Armstrong 9-12 (5ex)	P Barnard	88
102	(12)	222140	ON NOTICE 4 (D,G) (I Kramer) W Hastings-Bass 9-1	R Lines (3)	86
105	(13)	420201	RECTORY MAID 43 (F) (D Hulme) J Winter 8-10	Dale Gibson	86
108	(15)	211233	ELA-YIANNI-MOU 4 (D,F,G) (P Charalambous) M Brittain 8-10	A Munro (7)	93
110	(11)	4310	SCHOOL CONCERT 16 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-8	S Giles (7)	95
111	(9)	02233D	BARNBY MOOR 7 (B) (Mrs J Bailey) A Bailey 8-8	J Carr (3)	87
113	(10)	110000	CHUMMY'S GIRL 7 (D,F,S) (C Gaventa) N Callaghan 8-4	T Wilson (7)	87
114	(7)	430402	MISS HAYS 30 (Prince A Salman) R Smyth 8-3	Gay Kelleway	98
115	(14)	4330	RIDLEY 37 (D Cock) R Hannon 8-2	L Jones (3)	87
117	(1)	40440	CISSWOOD GIRL 43 (O Hies) A Denson 7-13	A Tucker (4)	85
119	(3)	40033	PARK VISTA 8 (Mrs V O'Brien) Pat Mitchell 7-7	J Quinn	● 98
120	(4)	010	EXHAUST LADY 37 (F) (Maidvale Ltd Exhausts) Miss B Sanders 7-7	Dana Mellor (7)	87
121	(2)	301000	IMPATIENT CHARLIE 30 (D,F) (C Sparrowhawk) R Hannon 7-7	G Hills (7)	88
122	(5)	3400	MONFORD 22 (Planflow Leasing Ltd) R Simpson 7-7	S Miller (4)	89
123	(6)	000	PIXEL QUEEN 37 (Mrs S Messiou) H Beasley 7-7	P McGurk (7)	—

BETTING: 5-1 Ela-Yianni-Mou, 11-2 Park Vista, 6-1 School Concert, Barnby Moor, 7-1 Rectory Maid, 8-1 Miss Hays, Monford, 10-1 Jeronime, 12-1 On Notice, 16-1 others.

1986: SAUCE DIABLE 8-10 T Sprake (4-1 jt-fav) W Hern 11 ran

FORM RECTORY MAID (8-9) needed strong driving to beat Wattlemeade (9-0) ½l in a Folkestone maiden auction (6f, £684, good to firm, Aug 11, 16 ran) with CISSWOOD GIRL (8-0) unplaced.

ELA–YIANNI–MOU (7-13) 3L 3rd to J Cheever Loophole (9-7) at Newbury on Saturday (5f, £9209, good to soft, 11 ran) with ON NOTICE (8-4) ¾l 6th. Showed best form at Windsor (5f, £1769, good to firm, Aug 24, 10 ran) when apprentice ridden (8-11) to beat MISS HAYS (8-6) 2½l with BARNBY MOOR (8-6) ½l 3rd and IMPATIENT CHARLIE (8-0) unplaced.

SCHOOL CONCERT was slowly away and unsuited by 7f last time. Previously (8-11) was apprentice ridden to beat Cube (8-11) 1l over 6f at Folkestone (£1876, good to firm, Aug 18, 12 ran).

After nine placed efforts BARNBY MOOR (7-7) beat Raise Yourself (8-10) ¾l at Brighton (6f, £3314, good, Sept 16, 12 ran), only to lose the race in the stewards' room with JERONIME (9-4) 1½l 3rd and CHUMMY'S GIRL (7-8) 1l 5th.

PARK VISTA (8-11) was staying on well when 3½l 3rd to Kinloch (8-11) in a Lingfield maiden (5f, £1266, good, Sept 15, 10 ran).

Selection: SCHOOL CONCERT

2.30 WEY HANDICAP (£3,875: 1m) (19 runners)

205	(10)	2000P0	SAILOR'S SONG 2 (F,G,S) (Introgroup Holdings Ltd) N Vigors 5-9-10	T Ives	92
206	(17)	3220	SLEUTH 11 (K Al-Said) J Hindley 3-9-10	M Hills	92
210	(16)	2-00300	ROMAN BEACH 65 (D,F,G,S) (R Canham) W Musson 7-9-8	M Wigham	93
212	(19)	004104	MERLE 19 (CD,G,S) (J Adam) C Brittain 5-9-6	S Cauthen	96
214	(14)	030223	THORNFIELD 25 (Thornfield Securities Ltd) R Akehurst 3-9-3	R Hills	91
215	(9)	024-003	XHAI 140 (S) (Mrs C Darby) J Francome 5-9-3	J Williams	89
218	(11)	300034	STANFORD VALE 13 (D,F) (Anglo Enterprises S A) C Nelson 4-9-0	J Reid	93
220	(18)	014001	TALK OF GLORY 13 (D,F) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 6-8-10	T Lang (7)	98
222	(7)	0/00001	SPIGOT SHAFT 65 (B,D,G,S) (B Johnson) D Wintle 7-8-8	J Carr (5)	94
223	(4)	020030	TRANSFLASH 44 (F,G,S) (D Rolt) E Eldin 8-8-7	N Day	92
224	(2)	211111	PINCTADA 63 (S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-8-7	S Whitworth	94
225	(15)	000000	READY WIT 11 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Tennent) R Hannon 6-8-7	B Rouse	95
226	(3)	101000	CLOUDLESS SKY 11 (D,F,G) (P Cook) P Howling 4-8-4	N Adams	92
228	(12)	030044	GIVING IT ALL AWAY 11 (F) (R Daltrey) H Beasley 4-8-3	C Rutter	93
230	(6)	200300	MONETARY FUND 29 (D Khan) G Lewis 3-8-2	P Cook	97
231	(1)	024230	WYKEHAMIST 13 (J Bugler) C Benstead 4-7-13	D McKay	94
233	(5)	002300-	CHESTER TERRACE 30 (G) (L Sainer) P Walwyn 3-7-12	S Dawson	● 99
236	(13)	0000-00	MR KEWMILL 158 (D,G) (H Price) H Beasley 4-7-10	R Morse (5)	—
237	(8)	0300-00	LIGHTNING BYTE 28 (Mrs D Watts) G Gracey 4-7-7	P Barnard (7)	—

● Pinctada only runs if the going is good to soft

BETTING: 9-2 Pinctada, 5-1 Talk Of Glory, 6-1 Merle, 13-2 Thornfield, 7-1 Sleuth, 8-1 Chester Terrace.

1986: FLYHOME 5-9-6 N Adams (9-2 jt-fav) P Cundell 11 ran

FORM SAILOR'S SONG has run below form since (9-5) running ½l 2nd to Kingsfold Flame (8-6) at York (1m, £4807, good to firm, Jly 11, 6 ran).

SLEUTH was visored and ran moderately first time in handicap company earlier this month. Previously (8-11) beaten a head into 2nd by Don't Knock It (8-6) in an Ayr maiden (1m, £959, good to firm, July 25, 4 ran).

MERLE was not disgraced last time at Kempton. Previously (9-10), over this course and distance, overcame a slow start to beat Footstool (8-13) 1½l with STANFORD VALE (9-10) 16½l 6th (£3180, soft, July 22, 10 ran).

TALK OF GLORY won handily at Salisbury last time (8-6) looking to have more than the ¾l he had to spare over Mahrajan (8-5) (1m, £2981, good to firm, Sept 10, 14 ran). STANFORD VALE (8-11) finished 4½l 4th, with WYKEHAMIST (7-12) 9th.

SPIGOT SHAFT showed improved form at Wolverhampton last time (9-6) beating Torrance (8-9) 2 1/2L (1m1f, £2018, good, July 20, 17 ran).

MONETARY FUND's good efforts include a (9-7) 3rd, beaten less than 1l to Moores Metal (9-10) at Newmarket (1m, £2635, good, Aug 8, 10 ran), but he is still a maiden after fifteen outings.

Selection: TALK OF GLORY

3.5 WEST END HANDICAP (£3,022: 5f) (13 runners)

302	(13)	010-000	AXE VALLEY 39 (B,CD,F,G) (R Barber) P Cole 5-9-10	T Quinn	95
303	(4)	012002	MAKE OR MAR 33 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 3-9-8	S Whitworth	95
304	(7)	320430	TOP AND TAIL 26 (D,G) (T Ramsden) M J Ryan 3-9-5	S Cauthen	92
306	(3)	042033	MERRYMOLES 11 (D,BF,G,S) (A Bingley) M McCourt 4-9-4	A Tucker (7)	97
308	(1)	01-0120	FOOLISH TOUCH 130 (D,F,G,S) (A Field) W Musson 5-9-2	W Wigham	96
312	(12)	040140	SPACEMAKER BOY 72 (D,F,G,S) (T Drake) R Thompson 7-8-13	M Fozzard	98
313	(5)	113311	GALLANT HOPE 13 (CD,F,G) (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 5-8-13 (7ex)	J Reid	97
315	(9)	020001	LOFT BOY 25 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs B Allwright) N Vigors 4-8-11	P Cook	● 99
316	(11)	01442-1	ALNASHME 158 (D,G,S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-8-11	J Curant	89
318	(2)	33/0330-	OLE FLO 501 (S) (J Rowland) P Arthur 4-8-9	N Adams	88
320	(6)	20-0000	LADY CARA 23 (D,F,G,S) (D O'Brien) H O'Neill 7-8-3	Dana Mellor (7)	—
325	(8)	210000	CAPTAIN'S BIDD 20 (D,F,G) (R Whiting) H Whiting 7-7-9	P Hill	90
328	(10)	000000	SANCILIA 9 (Mrs C Dickson) A Hide 4-7-7	S Dawson	89

BETTING: 7-2 Gallant Hope, 9-2 Loft Boy, 6-1 Top And Tail, 13-2 Make Or Mar, 7-1 Foolish Touch, 8-1 Merrymoles, Spacemaker Boy, 10-1 Alnashme, 14-1 others.

1986: TYROLLIE 4-9-5 P Cook (14-1) N Vigors 17 ran

FORM AXE VALLEY has yet to reproduce the form of a (9-7) 1½l beating of Woodfold (9-1) at Salisbury last year (5f, £3128, firm, Sept 10, 10 ran).

MAKE OR MAR (8-5) ran 2l 2nd to Wantage Park (9-1) over this course and distance on latest start (£4924, firm, Aug 21, 13 ran).

MERRYMOLES has run well mostly on ground not too fast, since (10-0) beating Commander Meaden (7-9) 1½l at Goodwood (5f, £2194, good, Jun 9, 14 ran).

GALLANT HOPE was winning his 5th race of the season when (7-8) getting up on the line to beat In Fact (9-10) a neck at Salisbury (5f, £3272, good to firm, Sept 10, 10 ran).

LOFT BOY, fitted with blinkers, returned to form at Newmarket last time, (9-2) beating Another Rhythm (9-1) ¾l with SANCILIA (7-9) 1l 5th and CAPTAIN'S BIDD (7-12) behind (5f, £2881, good, Aug 29, 18 ran).

Selection: LOFT BOY

3.35 GRANBY STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,787: 7f) (12 runners)

401	(6)	200132	SAVAHRA SOUND 42 (F) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 9-4	B Rouse	● 99
404	(1)	00	BETWEEN THE SHEETS 18 (Mrs J Wolfe) D Wilson 8-11	C Rutter	—
408	(2)	0	JANUARY DON 26 (Mrs S Burley) J Winter 8-11	T Ives	—
409	(11)	30	KNOCK KNOCK 51 (B) (M Talbot-Ponsonby) N Vigors 8-11	P Cook	70
410	(12)	0	LEVISHAM 26 (A Gibson) J Hindley 8-11	M Hills	—
411	(8)	3	MAKSUD 20 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11	C Asmussen	98
413	(4)	3	MY MALLET 11 (N Goymer) Miss B Sanders 8-11	W Newnes	83
415	(3)	00	SNOWBALL DAVID 7 (P Hanifan) D Wilson 8-11	J Williams	75
417	(9)	2	TIMOTHY'S TOY 26 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11	S Cauthen	91
418	(7)	0	TWO TOTAL 78 (E Vestey) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	J Reid	—
420	(10)		INQUEST (C McCarthy) D Murray-Smith 8-11	B Thomson	—
422	(5)		SLEEPY MOUNTAIN (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-11	Pat Eddery	—

BETTING: 2-1 Maksud, 3-1 Savahra Sound, 9-2 Sleepy Mountain, 11-2 Inquest, 7-1 My Mallet, 8-1 Timothy's Toy, 12-1 Knock Knock, 16-1 others.

1986: LOVE THE GROOM 8-11 W Carson (3-1) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM SAVAHRA SOUND (9-6) has shown improved form of late; most notably (9-6) when ¾l 2nd to Hoy (9-0) at Salisbury (6f, £4831, good, Aug 12, 6 ran) last time.

MAKSUD, a $575,000 son of Nijinsky, can improve on a promising York debut (7f, £4292, good, Sept 3, 7 ran) when (8-11) 7½l 3rd to the potentially top-class Salse (9-1).

MY MALLET (9-0) was doing his best work in the closing stages when (9-0) 5l 3rd of 16 to Cinnamon Reef (9-0) in a Goodwood maiden (7f, £4106, soft, Sept 12, 16 ran).

INQUEST (Foaled: May 11, Cost: 170,000 gns) is out of a mare who won as a two-year-old and who has produced three winners including the useful middle distance performer Sabre Dancer.

Selection: SAVAHRA SOUND

4.5 DITTON HANDICAP (£3,693: 1m 6f) (12 runners)

502	(3)	303441	ILE DE ROI 16 (G) (L Holliday) H Candy 4-10-1 (5ex)	W Newnes	94
503	(10)	402101	TRAPEZE ARTIST 20 (CD,F,G) (Introgroup Ltd) N Vigors 6-10-0 (5ex)	S Dawson	93
505	(9)	33411P	VERSAILLES ROAD 24 (F,G) (Mrs J Wood) L Piggott 4-9-10	T Ives	87
506	(6)	0041-00	ACCURACY 140 (G,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 6-9-7	J Williams	92
507	(4)	234211	FIRE BAY 12 (F,G) (F Morrad) W Musson 6-9-6 (5ex)	M Wigham	97
509	(12)	1-00123	SURE GROUND 12 (D,G) (Salisbury Farms Ltd) P Walwyn 4-9-3	B Thomson	97
512	(1)	04-0110	BOLD AS BOLD 98 (F) (Mrs R Shine) M Usher 3-9-2	A McGlone	84
515	(5)	041320	RUN FOR YOUR WIFE 51 (F,G) (Miss B Sanders) Miss B Sanders 4-8-12	B Rouse	91
523	(2)	0/4040-0	ALDO KING 152 (G,S) (Mrs V Langford) A Turnell 6-8-3	B Crossley	86
525	(8)	002242	CHECKPOINT 12 (R Richards) C Brittain 3-8-3	Pat Eddery	● 99
526	(7)	404040	OWEN'S PRIDE 16 (S) (Venture Chemical Ltd) R Akehurst 5-7-12	N Adams	94
528	(11)	400234	FOURTH LAD 28 (B) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 3-7-7	C Rutter	84

BETTING: 100-30 Ile De Roi, 9-2 Sure Ground, 5-1 Trapeze Artist, 6-1 Versailles Road, Fire Bay, 8-1 Accuracy, 10-1 Checkpoint, 12-1 Bold As Bold, 16-1 others.

1986: BACKCHAT 4-10-4 G Starkey (5-1) G Harwood 14 ran

FORM ILE DE ROI (9-1) made all and only needed to be shaken up to beat Area Code (8-2) 3l at Thirsk (2m, £5080, good, Sept 5, 7 ran).

TRAPEZE ARTIST (8-8), despite wandering, ran on in good style to beat Al Shamikh (7-13) 3l at York (1m 6f, £2972, good, Sept 3, 7 ran).

FIRE BAY is on a hat-trick following (9-0) a 2½l beating of CHECKPOINT (8-4) at Goodwood (1m 4f, £3454, good, Sept 11, 14 ran).

SURE GROUND (8-4) failed to quicken inside the distance when just over 3l 3rd to Vouchsafe (8-7) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £3200, good, Sept 11, 10 ran).

RUN FOR YOUR WIFE (9-1) was one-paced final furlong when 3l 2nd to Alacazam (8-4) at Wolverhampton (1m 6f 110yd, £2387, good to firm, Aug 3, 13 ran).

OWEN'S PRIDE is best judged on penultimate start when (8-3) 4½l 4th to Adriya (9-10) at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd, £1929, good, Aug 29, 10 ran).

Selection: ILE DE ROI

4.40 MITRE FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,859: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

601	(6)	330100	GLINT OF VICTORY 23 (D,F) (K Al-Said) J Hindley 9-6	C Asmussen	96
602	(11)	1240	INTERLACING 54 (D,F) (Mrs P Harris) H Cecil 9-6	S Cauthen	92
603	(7)	24144	NEARLYWED 5 (S) (Kinderhill Corporation) B Hanbury 9-6	Pat Eddery	93
607	(12)	2-2403	RIVER JIG 41 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-6	T Quinn	● 99
610	(9)	40	DOUBLE DUTCH 70 (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 8-11	B Rouse	81
611	(10)	0	MADELEINE 8 (R Dilley) R Akehurst 8-11	—	—
612	(13)	00-	MAYRONI 355 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-11	C Rutter	—
613	(1)		MILLY GREEN (C Fryer) M Haynes 8-11	R Fox	—
616	(3)	00	SKY POPPY 25 (Mrs D Jenks) P Makin 8-11	M Hills	—
618	(5)	334342	SO STYLISH 15 (B) (J Greetham) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	J Reid	80
619	(8)	42-04	SUMMER POSY 33 (Sir M Sobell) I Balding 8-11	T Ives	98
620	(4)	22-0	TIQUEGREAN 146 (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-11	W Newnes	86
621	(2)	032232	TITTLEMOUSE 23 (Mrs R Holland Martin) D Arbuthnot 8-11	P Cook	90

BETTING: 11-4 Summer Posy, 3-1 Nearlywed, 4-1 Interlacing, 5-1 River Jig, 7-1 Glint Of Victory, 8-1 Tiquegrean, 16-1 others.

1986: MAGIC VISION 8-11 B Thomson (16-1) J Dunlop 11 ran

FORM GLINT OF VICTORY (8-11) beat TITTLEMOUSE (8-11) ½l in a Brighton maiden (1m 2f, £959, firm, July 2, 14 ran), but showed better form in Group II company at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, £46672, soft, June 18, 6 ran) when (8-8) 6l 4th to Queen Midas (8-8).

INTERLACING has disappointed last couple of outings since a (9-4) 1½l 2nd to Lizzy Hare (8-8) in a Goodwood handicap (1m 2f, £3837, good, Jun 9, 8 ran) with RIVER JIG (9-7) 4l 5th.

RIVER JIG (8-12) could not quicken when 1¾l 3rd behind Belle Poitrine (8-12) at Salisbury (1m 2f, £3032, good, Aug 13, 6 ran).

SUMMER POSY, 5½l 4th to Milligram as a two-year-old, looked as though she would be winning soon after a (8-5) 9l 4th of 12 to Tahilla (8-9) in Listed race company at Sandown (1m, £12447, firm, Aug 21, 12 ran).

Selection: SUMMER POSY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	20	74	27.0
J Hindley	7	38	18.4
I Balding	13	76	17.1
C Brittain	30	193	15.5
R Armstrong	12	98	12.2
H Candy	7	66	10.6

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
Pat Eddery	59	278	21.2
T Quinn	20	105	19.1
S Cauthen	38	236	16.1
B Thomson	11	88	12.5

Only qualifiers

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Tribal Mascot.
2.45 Lover's Secret.
3.15 Come On Chase Me.
3.45 Reunity.
4.15 Height Of Summer.
4.45 Topeka Express.
5.15 Dastur.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Campsie Spring.
2.45 Lover's Secret.
3.15 Dealers Wheels.
3.45 Cadisa.
4.15 Be My Prince.
4.45 Mughtanim.
5.15 Mumtaz Jamal.

By Michael Seely

3.15 Come On Chase. 5.10 Mumtaz Jamal.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 DASTUR.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

2.15 EBF GARROWBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £1,401: 1m 100yd) (11 runners)

3	(6)	40000	BOLLIN PATRICK 21 (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	87
6	(4)		CAMPSIE SPRING (F Lee) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	—
9	(5)		DAVID STEEL (M Shone) J Edwards 9-0	R Cochrane	—
11	(1)	00	EJAY HAITCH 20 (Mrs E Handley) H Wharton 9-0	D Nicholls	● 99
15	(2)		HEIR OF EXCITEMENT (P S B (Racing) Ltd) P Charlton 9-0	M Roberts	—
26	(11)		NIBAL (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	—
28	(7)	0000	PACKAGE PROVIDED 19 (B) (Hytech Packaging Supplies Ltd) T Fairhurst 9-0	—	72
33	(8)	0	RIVEREEL 39 (Sir V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
35	(10)	0	SETTLEMENT 11 (The Queen) I Balding 9-0	J Matthias	—
36	(9)	00000	SHABERO 9 (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 9-0	G Hind (7)	58
40	(3)	00	TRIBAL MASCOT 6 (B) (Mrs C Heath) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	93

BETTING: 9-4 Tribal Mascot, 3-1 Nibal, 9-2 Settlement, 6-1 Rivereel, 8-1 Ejay Haitch, 10-1 Bollin Patrick, 12-1 others/

1986: ARDEN 9-0 W Ryan (8-13 fav) H Cecil 15 ran

2.45 LEVEN NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,143: 1m 100yd) (15 runners)

2	(6)	4000	DUKE OF HAMILTON 6 (Mrs M Cooke) N Callaghan 9-7	B Raymond	80
4	(14)	42014	LOVER'S SECRET 9 (BF,G) (Mrs V Milne) P Haslam 9-4	T Williams	● 99
7	(15)	043003	JONDREW 41 (J Rowbottom) J Etherington 9-2	K Darley	97
9	(7)	10	SIGWELLS MISS 53 (S) (E Gates) T Barron 9-2	D Nicholls	82
10	(4)	000	DONROYA 32 (Lord Zetland) J Watts 9-1	N Connorton	85
11	(10)	431040	DEL CARMEN 36 (S) (Mrs E Dunn) Denys Smith 9-1	M Roberts	90
14	(8)	004	FORT JAMES 22 (J Morley) M Morley 8-13	R Cochrane	91
15	(5)	410430	RIBOMONDE 13 (S) (T Vignoles) M Usher 8-11	W Carson	91
18	(13)	40004	VAGOG 47 (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 8-8	M Fry	92
19	(11)	400000	MOTTRAM'S GOLD 1 (V) (G Ashton) M Brittain 8-8	A Bacon (7)	96
23	(12)	040000	SUMMER FRUIT 19 (B) (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-6	—	85
24	(2)	000000	RECORD HALMONY 41 (B) (Ulceby Farms Ltd) M H Easterby 8-5	—	91
26	(3)	0000	TUPS 81 (J Williams) M Chapman 8-1	G Hind (7)	—
27	(9)	40000	VECTOR BOY 47 (N Strange) J Wainwright 7-12	L Riggio (7)	—
28	(1)	000	ALWAYS JAYNE 47 (S Sutton) R Thompson 7-8	J Lowe	—

BETTING: 15-8 Lover's Secret, 7-2 Jondrew, 11-2 Sigwell's Miss, 6-1 Ribomonde, 9-1 Vagog, 12-1 Mottram's Gold, 14-1 Duke of Hamilton, 16-1 others.

1986: PETRUS SEVENTY 8-7 T Williams (3-1 fav) P Haslam 15 ran

3.15 RAFFINGORA EBF SPRINT STAKES £2,905: 5f) (5 runners)

2	(2)	001000	CHILIBANG 14 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs H Heinz) J Dunlop 3-10-0	W Carson	88
3	(3)	001100	COME ON CHASE ME 23 (CD,G,S) (D Norvella) J Etherington 3-10-0	K Darley	● 99
7	(1)	000-000	BECKINGHAM BEN 18 (H Pickering) J Leigh 3-9-7	—	81
10	(5)	121014	DEALERS WHEELS 20 (D,S) (B Russell) R Boss 2-8-7	M Roberts	90
11	(4)	140200	POWERFUL 22 (CD,F) (D Leach) R Thompson 2-8-7	R P Elliott	85

BETTING: 11-8 Come On Chase Me, 5-2 Chilibang, 7-2 Dealers Wheels, 10-1 Powerful, 20-1 Beckingham Ben.

1986: HANDSOME SAILOR 3-10-1 G Duffield (5-6 fav) M W Dickinson 5 ran

3.45 BURTON AGNES STUD CO MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,658: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

2	(14)	400240	AHNOORA BLUE 39 (B) (Vickers Shopfitters Ltd) S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	81
3	(10)	40033	BARBARA RADZIWILL 22 (C St George) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	90
5	(12)	23	CADISA 23 (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	95
8	(5)		COUNTESS OF HONOUR (T Tek Tan) M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	—
9	(1)	00-434	CRISP HEART 23 (G Shropshire) J Winter 8-11	R Cochrane	91
11	(3)	0-40	FIRGROVE 92 (Mrs W Hern) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	89
12	(6)	00	FIRST TIME OVER 11 (J M-Buchanan) Sir M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	76
17	(13)	0040	IRIRI 22 (Mr Harry Demetriou) B Hanbury 8-11	P Bloomfield	91
19	(7)	2	MAID MALEEN 9 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-11	Paul Eddery	84
20	(2)	0-	MEG'S MONEY 538 (R Harman) D Leslie 8-11	NON–RUNNER	—
21	(8)	003333	MISS BUNTY 22 (J Hill) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	88
22	(9)	0	MRS SCHILLING 26 (G Harwood) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	—
24	(4)	0400	ONIKA 27 (P Pritchard) H Candy 8-11	T Williams	80
27	(15)	02200	REUNITY 15 (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson-Houghton 8-11	K Darley	● 99
28	(11)	0-00	RISE AND FALL 23 (The Queen) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias	83

BETTING: 3-1 Barbara Radziwill, 7-2 Cadisa, 9-2 Maid Maleen, 6-1 Reunity, 8-1 Crisp Heart, 10-1 Rise and Fall, 12-1 Onika & Miss Bunty, 20-1 others.

1986: SHINING SKIN 8-11 Paul Eddery (8-1) P Walwyn 11 ran

4.15 CHERRY BURTON HANDICAP (£1,803: 1m 4f),(16 runners)

4	(5)	3-00403	GLASS CASTLE 7 (E Turner) A Hide 3-9-10	W R Swinburn	94
5	(16)	1-12410	HEIGHT OF SUMMER 13 (CD,F) (R Crutchley) D Arbuthnot 6-9-8	K Darley	91
6	(6)	020300	BE MY PRINCE 27 (Mrs A Larsson) A Stewart 3-9-7	M Roberts	94
7	(2)	001000	LONGSTOP 11 (D,F,G) (K Luebke) P Makin 5-9-7	Paul Eddery	93
9	(13)	000404	PLAN OF ATTACK 11 (F Lee) F Lee 3-9-6	—	92
10	(9)	400100	IN A SPIN 92 (D,G) (R Habb) M Brittain 3-9-1	A Bacon (7)	95
11	(3)	10-0000	SENOR RAMOS 28 (B,D,C,F,G,S) (M D M Racing Ltd) R Thompson 5-9-1	R P Elliott	● 99
12	(10)	0100-00	NORTHERN RULER 147 (F) (R Whiting) H Whiting 5-8-13	G Starkey	89
13	(7)	200100	BURCROFT 22 (V,G,S) (R Lee) R Whitaker 3-8-13	D McKeown	92
16	(14)	202140	APPLE WINE 22 (D,F,G,S) (T O'Gram) D Chapman 10-8-8	—	94
17	(11)	004101	RUSTIC TRACK 8 (CD,F,G,S) (D Smith) Denys Smith 7-8-7 (8ex)	G Hind (7)	96
18	(12)	044000	INDIAN LOVE SONG 37 (Mrs P Good) R Hollinshead 4-8-7	A Culhane (5)	98
21	(15)	400000	FULL SPEED AHEAD 13 (Capt R Smyly) Capt R Smyly 4-8-3	J Lowe	85
22	(8)	340000-	RAMILIE 341 (D,S) (Miss A Sykes) J Etherington 5-8-2	—	92
23	(1)	002103	SLAP BANG 9 (D,F) (W Pallister) C Thornton 4-8-1	T Williams	97
24	(4)	300000	EASTERN PLAYER 35 (J Williams) M Chapman 4-8-1	A Proud	89

BETTING: 11-4 Rustic Track, 4-1 Northern Ruler, 5-1 Be My Prince, 6-1 Slap Bang, 7-1 Height of Summer, 8-1 Glass Castle, 10-1 In a Spin, 12-1 Apple Wine, 20-1 others.

1986: HEIGHT OF SUMMER 5-7-9 A Mackay (10-1) D Arbuthnot 13 ran

4.45 WEEL HANDICAP (£2,039: 1m 100yd) (19 runners)

2	(8)	043120	MOORES METAL 11 (G) (Moores Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-8-10	G Hind (7)	90
5	(7)	002-322	FEARLESS MAN 8 (Mrs L Yong) J Etherington 3-9-7	R Cochrane	89
7	(6)	40-1240	MUGHTANIM 15 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-9-6	M Roberts	89
10	(2)	042402	GREAT DILEMMA 23 (G) (Mrs K Livingstone) P Makin 4-9-4	B Raymond	91
12	(16)	44-0401	TOPEKA EXPRESS 8 (F) (I Oliver) C Tinkler 4-9-3	—	91
14	(17)	0/04-000	WASMI 8 (M Shaw) R Bastiman 4-9-0	D McKeown	90
15	(3)	422011	KAMARESS 4 (C,F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-9-0 (9lb ex)	A Bacon (7)	97
17	(15)	400340	HEAVENLY HOOFER 32 (C,F,G) (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 4-8-10	D Nicholls	91
19	(18)	0-000	DARK ROSAAN 11 (G Jones) H Candy 3-8-9	J Carter (5)	89
20	(5)	312030	VALENTINE SONG 12 (S) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Winter 3-8-7	W R Swinburn	88
22	(10)	0-00	HARUSI 23 (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 3-8-5	G Starkey	—
24	(12)	000040	SUPER TRUCKER 8 (J Adams) W Haigh 4-8-5	—	88
28	(14)	00-0010	NO JAZZ 22 (F) (M Soames) M Ryan 4-8-1	G Bardwell (5)	90
31	(9)	110030	CARJUJEN 15 (F) (G Northage) R Whitaker 3-8-0	T Williams	91
32	(19)	800240	COUNTRY CARNIVAL 8 (C,F,G) (R Lloyd), W Haigh 4-8-0	—	91
33	(13)	00003	VICARAGE ROAD 48 (P Newton) J Watts 3-7-13	N Connorton	91
34	(1)	00-0030	NIPPY CHIPPY 91 (C,F,G) (J Williams) M Chapman 4-7-12	L Riggio (7)	85
35	(4)	0-00002	TOP ROW 11 (J Zochonis) A Jones 4-7-12	J Lowe	90
38	(11)	003020	THE STRAY BULLETT 23 (B) (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 4-7-10	L Charnock	● 99

BETTING: 7-2 Kamaress, 4-1 Mughtanim, 11-2 Fearless Man, 7-1 Great Dilemma, 8-1 Topeka Express, 10-1 Moores Metal, No Jazz, 12-1 Vicarage Road, The Stray Bullett, 16-1 others.

1986: WARPLANE 6-9-3 J Bleasdale (5-1) C Thornton 19 ran

5.10 EBF GARROWBY MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £1,389: 1m 100yd) (11 runners)

6	(9)	2U44	DASTUR 25 (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	—	● 99
10	(5)	00	DEFFER WOOD 58 (H H Prince Y Saud) S Norton 9-0	—	—
16	(10)	040	IVORDALE 33 (H Key) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	65
21	(6)	04	MACHO BOY 33 (W Said) N Callaghan 9-0	M Roberts	92
22	(11)	300	MARSHALSTONESWOOD 15 (Hyde Promotions Ltd) R Whitaker 9-0	D McKeown	64
23	(3)	020	MERLIN'S SONG 19 (Mrs J Ellis) J Edwards 9-0	—	80
24	(8)		MULTIHANDS (Multihands (Sales & Mkt Ltd) W Wharton 9-0	—	—
25	(2)	0	MUMTAZ JAMAL 23 (B Hamoud) G Huffer 9-0	G Carter	62
27	(4)		OSTURA (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
42	(1)	0	WHITE SAPPHIRE 33 (A Bottomley) J FitzGerald 9-0	—	—
43	(7)	00	WINTER STORM 46 (R Bedding) J Etherington 9-0	—	81

BETTING: 6-4 Dastur, 7-2 Macho Boy, 9-2 Mumtaz Jamal, 6-1 Ivordale, 10-1 Deffer Wood, 12-1 Ostura, 14-1 others.

1986: SEE FIRST DIVISION

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	16	30	53.3
P Cole	8	22	36.4
M Stoute	20	60	33.3
R Boss	8	32	25.0
G Harwood	9	38	23.7
C Thornton	15	68	22.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
W R Swinburn	15	57	26.3
W Ryan	16	86	18.6
R Cochrane	15	86	17.4
Paul Eddery	11	68	16.2

Only qualifiers

Albadr and Michael Roberts (right) about to overhaul Steve Cauthen's odds-on Grand Tier in the Dorking Stakes at Sandown Park yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Miesque sparkles for Cauthen in Chantilly workout

By Michael Seely

Miesque, the pride of France and favourite at 2-1 on to prove herself champion miler of Europe in Ascot's £240,000 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Saturday, threw down the gauntlet to Sonic Lady when sparkling in a seven-furlong workout at Chantilly yesterday morning.

Ridden by her big-race jockey, Steve Cauthen, Stavros Niarchos's Nureyev filly sprinted away from two stable companions on the "les Reservoirs" gallop.

"That was tremendous," said Cauthen. "She felt like the tip-top filly she clearly is. It's a marvellous spare ride".

The banned Freddie Head, who has been on board Miesque in her eight victories from 10 starts, including five group one successes, took part in the spin and was on hand to give the benefit of his advice to Cauthen.

Miesque's already legendary powers of acceleration have never been more in evidence than in her recent impressive defeat of the Sussex Stakes winner, Soviet Star, at Longchamp.

At Deauville in August, she erased the memory of her defeat by Indian Skimmer in the French Oaks when sprinting home effortlessly in the Prix Jacques le Marois.

The Queen Elizabeth has always been a race to set the adrenalin flowing. There have been Brigadier Gerard's two wins by a total of 14 lengths in 1971 and 1972; Kris's victory in 1979, followed by his neck defeat by Known Fact the following September, and then in 1985 Shadeed, that season's 2,000 Guineas winner, gave a spectacular display of front running against Teleprompter.

Sonic Lady, last season's winner and also champion miler of 1986, looks like posing the principal threat to Miesque. A problem with her back prevented Michael Stoute's filly from running in the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood.

"It's all systems go," said Mikey Heaton-Ellis, Sheikh Mohammed's assistant racing manager. "She'll have a blow-out on Thursday and all being well, she'll run."

Stoute also accepted Milligram and Verdant Boy at yesterday's four-day stage of declaration.

Cauthen certainly looks like being the jockey to follow at the most valuable day's racing ever to be staged in Britain. Two of the afternoon's bankers could be Sanquirico and Diminuendo. The unbeaten Sanquirico numbers Undercut and Always Fair among his 10 possible opponents for the £100,000 Royal Lodge Stakes.

Diminuendo, the conqueror of last Saturday's Mill Reef Stakes winner, Magic Of Life, at Newmarket, is likely to encounter stern opposition from Obeah and Haiati for the £100,000 Hoover Fillies' Mile.

In the six furlongs Diadem Stakes, the 27-year-old American rides Print and in the £95,000 Tote Festival Handicap, he rides Wolsey for Henry Cecil.

Trampship, winner of Doncaster's Park Hill Stakes, has 7st 9lb to carry and is 11-2 favourite for the most valuable event of its kind to be staged in Europe. Lake Erie, penalised only 3lb for his dual wins at Kempton and Ayr, is second choice in the market at 7-1.

In the opening Blue Seal Stakes at 1.45, all eyes will be focused on Dabaweyaa. Stoute won this race in 1985 with Sonic Lady, and last season, Unite the subsequent dual Oaks winner, finished second to White Mischief.

Grand Tier adds to Cecil's woe

Yesterday must have been a miserable day for Henry Cecil, the season's record-breaking trainer.

Fined £500 at a Jockey Club inquiry in the morning, salt was rubbed into the wounds at Sandown Park later when his Grand Tier, 11-10 on favourite for the Dorking Stakes, was beaten by the Robert Armstrong-trained newcomer, Albadr.

This race has been won in the past two years by Dancing Brave and Reference Point, but it is unlikely that Albadr will join this illustrious duo.

Albadr, ridden by Michael Roberts, had to work hard inside the final furlong to peg back Grand Tier, who had gone to the front under Steve Cauthen after three furlongs.

Newmarket trainer Robert Williams delivered the first two in the Heather Maiden Stakes, but the pair came home in the wrong order as far as punters were concerned, with newcomer Briery Fille, a 25-1 chance, leading Inspiration, the 4-1 second favourite, by two lengths.

Williams said: "I thought there may be little between them. But Inspiration had the experience, and I expected him to beat the filly who has been backward, although she has improved in the last couple of weeks."

Lord Carnarvon dies aged 88

Lord Carnarvon, father of the Queen's racing manager, Lord Porchester, has died after a long illness. He was 88.

The sixth Earl of Carnarvon bred many good horses at his Highclere Stud at Newbury, including Blenheim, winner of the Derby in 1930. He also owned Queen's Hussar, sire of Brigadier Gerard and Highclere.

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Payne fined

The Newmarket trainer Pip Payne was fined £50 by the Jockey Club yesterday for introducing Raceform Handicap Book correspondent George Smith into the security area at Redcar and Hamilton Park. Smith had signed in as the owner and trainer of a runner at the meetings to gain unauthorised access to the course stables.

● Gan On Lad, second in the Rowena Coleman Handicap Hurdle at Sedgefield yesterday, has been disqualified by the Jockey Club from one of his two victories this season because his passport was not verified..

Thomson Australian-bound

Lambourn trainer Peter Walwyn and jockey Brent Thomson will part company after consulting owners at the Seven Barrows stables.

Thomson, aged 29, is leaving Britain to become stable jockey to one of Australia's top trainers, Geoff Murphy.

"Brent rode work for me this morning, we talked about him leaving and obviously we now have to discuss it with the owners," said Walwyn yesterday.

"I shall be sad to lose Brent, because he is a very good jockey and a very nice man. We got on very well."

Thomson, born in New Zealand but now an Australian citizen, first came to Britain to partner Robert Sangster's horses. He teamed up with flying filly Committed, trained by Dermot Weld, before becoming Barry Hills' stable jockey.

Last season, Thomson, who picked up a four-day ban for careless riding at Bath on Monday, switched to Walwyn, but has since found winners hard to come by.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Sandown Park

Going: good

2.0 (5f) 1, BRIERY FILLE (G Duffield, 25-1); 2, Inspiration (T Ives, 4-1); 3, Sun Sparkle (W R Swinburn, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Masnun (5th), 10 Master Palehouse, 12 Dismiss (6th), 20 Annie Bee, Scarlet Prince, 33 Chase The Door, Shayad, Wizzard Artist, Zankino, Chic Carolyn. 13 ran. NR: Dr Sock It To Me, Full Back. 2l, ½l, 2l, sh hd, 2l. R Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £26.10; £5.10, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £50.40. CSF: £110.06. 1min 03.60sec. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

2.30 (1m) 1, ALBADR (M Roberts, 6-1); 2, Grand Tier (S Cauthen, 10-11 fav); 3, Rowlandsons Trophy (R Fox, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Swooping, 7 Look Lively (5th), 20 Step To Stardom, Top Gun, 25 Shahi Dancer (4th), 66 Sand Clipper, Sarmad, Bluehaven Flyer (6th). 11 ran. ½l, 4l, ¾l, 4l, 1l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £7 20; £2.20, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £4.80. CSF: £11.46. 1min 44.13sec.

3.5 (1m) 1, BE CHEERFUL (T Ives, 5-1); 2, Lora's Guest (S Cauthen, 15-8 fav); 3, Las Bela (W R Swinburn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Cree's Figurine (5th), 10 As Sharp, Domino Fire, 20 Watered Silk (4th), Emma's Whisper (6th). 8 ran. NR: Always Special. ½l, 4l, nk, 2l, nk. J Winter at Newmarket. Tote: £4.50; £1.20, £1 40, £1.60. DF: £3.80. CSF: £13.50. Tricast: £46.68. 1min 44.06sec.

3.35 (1m 2f) 1, COMBINED EXERCISE (P Barnard, 11-2); 2, Boy Jamie (G Duffield, 3-1 fav); 3, New Mexico (B Rouse, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Ci Siamo (5th), 9 Mahrajan, 14 Bronze Runner (6th), Othet, 16 Islebeck, 20 Bet Street, Chevrefeuille, Stubble Fire, Torrance, Young Ghillie (4th), 33 Mrs Kaydagawn. 14 ran. sh hd, nk, 1l, hd, 1l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £7.40; £2.20, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £10.00. CSF: £21.18. Tricast: £95.93. 2m 09.20s.

4.5 (5f) 1, HILTON BROWN (W R Swinburn, 11-2); 2, Quarryville (T Ives, 6-1); 3, Bonny Light (A Shoults, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Young Jason, 12 Deputy Head, Miracles Take Time, 14 Taranga, 20 Jacqui Joy (5th), Gari Mi (6th), 25 Kings Touch, Music Review, Stephens' Song, 33 Sharad, Viva Ronda, 50 Sasserando (4th), 66 Underfire, Yani, Paddington Belle, Sparkling Britt, Acrow Fool. 20 ran. NR: Dear Glenda. 2l, ½l, ¾l, ¾l, 1½l. P Cundell at Newbury. Tote: £6.40; £1.90, £2.60, £1.60. DF: £13.90. CSF: £42.51. 1min 02.24sec.

4.40 (1m 1f) 1, BLIND FAITH (W R Swinburn, 11-4 fav); 2, Viceroy Melody (B Rouse, 20-1); 3, Chan Fu (R Fox, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Shaybani (4th), 8 Dewfiner, Hot Company, 9 Bold And Handsome (6th), 10 Fatcham Park, 12 Melody Lane, 14 Carfax (5th), 33 Jubilant King. 11 ran. 3l, 1½l, hd, 3l, 1l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.30, £7.20, £11.90. DF: £49.60. CSF: £48.32. Tricast: £837.42. 1min 56.62sec.

Jackpot: not won (Pool of £3,481.29 carried forward to Sandown today)
Placepot: £3.70

Leicester

Going: good

2.15 (7f) 1, SHUJA (R Hills, 10-1); 2, Blissful Kingdom (C Asmussen, 14-1); 3, Full Quiver (W Carson, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Sky Conqueror, 11-2 Loren's Courage, 8 Kawwas (4th), 12 Gaelic Fog, Pomatum, 20 Rule Of The Storm (USA), 33 Apache Down, Follow The Drum, Foot The Bill (6th), Going Hollywood, Knight Line, Malmonster, Night Pass, Ounian Terry (5th), Right Step, Runton, Warrior's Promise 20 ran. 5l, nk, nk, 1½l, ½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £11.00; £3.10, £2.10, £1.50. DF: £40.50. CSF: £132.28.

2.45 (1m) 1, MISS CAMELLIA (S Whitworth, 100-30 fav); 2, Bong Tree (J Reid, 7-1); 3, Wotsortaman (Pat Eddery, 7-1), 4, Miss Torpedo (N Adams, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Ilkomo (6th), 6 Tracies Delight, 10 French Resistance, 16 Hidden Flame, 20 Dacrolan, Dear Annie, Jetway, Master Potter, Mottram's Gold, 33 L G's Pride, Venetian Prince, The Overnight Man, Bewitching Wind, Dancing Verity (5th), Lesbet. 19 Ran. NR: Record Halmony. 1l, sh hd, 2½l, ½l, 1½l. R Simpson at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £6.10; £2.20, £1 90, £1 80, £3.90. DF: £39.90. CSF: £28 14. Tricast: £147.94. Winner was bought in for 2,800 guineas.

3.15 (1m) 1, TOTLEY BROOK (A Kimberley, 7-2); 2, Bay Window (Pat Eddery, 4-5 fav); 3, Ninth Saga (C Rutter, 9-4. ALSO RAN: 20 Laochail (5th), 33 Wonderful William (6th), 50 Sirocko Bay (4th), 100 Sea Crossing. 7 Ran. NR: Palace Song. 2½l, 2l, 1l, 2½l, 12l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £4.60; £1.10, £1.60. DF. £2.30. CSF: £6.84.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, SEA ISLAND (Pat Eddery, 11-4 fav); 2, Another Nonsense (C Nutter, 12-1); 3, Pelumeca (T Quinn, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Honey Plum, 7 Marie Baby (6th), 15-2 Saluter, 12 Dynamic Star (5th), Grand Espoir, 16 Caballine, 20 Bedhead, Mabel Alice, 25 Queen Matilda, 50 Sombrero Gold, Kaal, Ashton Dancer. 15 ran. 4l, 5l, nk, nk, 1l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £3.90; £1 90, £3.20, £6.60. DF: £38.40. CSF: £34.57.

4.15 (6f) 1, LONELY STREET (M Gallagher, 12-1); 2, Last Recovery (G Bardwell, 8-1); 3, Munadhil (3-1 fav). 4, Tobermory Boy (K Bradshaw, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Kimble Blue, 9 Cree Bay, Fleet Fact, 10 Elsocko, 14 Profit A Prendre (5th), 16 Fawley's Girl (6th), 20 Left Right, Nawwar, 25 Jovick, Meeson King, 33 Wise Times, Greta's Song, Greenhil Jazz Time, Mont Arthur, Gem of Gold, Broadway Stomp, Spy Tower, Global. 22 ran. NR: Glamgram For Grams. 1l, ½l, ¾l, 1l, ¾l. P Arthur at Aston Tirrold. Tote: £19.80; £4 50, £3.30, £2.20, £7 40. DF: £195.90. CSF: £101.32. Tricast: £333.91.

4.45 (7f) 1, RAWNAK (B Thomson (8-1); 2, Star Generation (R Cochrane, 9-2); 3, Gopak (A Kimberley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Bourque, 5 New Constitution (5th), 14 Vintage (6th) 16 Riyadh Lights, 33 Checkpoint Charlie (4th), Youthful Pip, 50 I'm Alert, Involved Again, Tot of Rye, Viceroy Jester. 15 ran. NR. Flaming Heir. Hd, 5l, 1l, 3l, 1l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £9.90; £2.10, £1.10, £3.50. DF: £11.80. CSF: £42.12.

Placepot: £28.10

Sedgefield

Going: good

2.30 (2m 4f) 1, Shout (S Davies, 4-1); 2, Winters Sovereign (8-1); 3, Flori Wonder (13-8 fav) 8 ran. 1l, 10l. Miss S Wilton. Tote: £4.80; £1.10, £1 40, £1.30. DF: £27.90. CSF: £32.83. Tricast: £53.96.

3.00 (2m 4f) 1, Elegant Guest (C Grant, 5-4 fav); 2, Gan On Lad (3-1); 3, Sunbia (11-1). 6 ran. 2½l, ¾l. Denys Smith. Tote: £2.10; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.72.

3.30 (2m) Al-Alam (P Tuck 5-4 fav); 2, Tromeros (5-2); 3, Welsh Spirit (11-1). 7 ran. 1½l, 5l. G W Richards. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.92.

4.00 (3m 600yd) 1, Sir Jest (K Jones, 7-2); 2, Legal Emperor (5-1); 3, Northern Bay (9-2). Cartingford Bay 2-1 fav. 6 ran. ½l, ½l W A Stephenson. Tote: £5.20; £2.10, £2.40. DF: £11.80. CSF: £19 58.

4.30 (2m) 1, Nap Majestica (L Wyer, 13-8 fav); 2, August (9-4); 3, Manbique (12-1). 16 ran NR: Jimsidian. 3l, 10l. M Camacho. Tote: £3.00; £2.00, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £3.00. CSF. £6.65.

5.00 (2m) 1, Masnoon (C Grant, 5-1); 2, Colonel Popski (7-2 fav); 3, Sir Lucky (5-1). 8 ran 2l 7l. Denys Smith. Tote: £5.10; £1.20, £1.30, £2.40. DF: £9.00. CSF: £21.28. Tricast: £82.13.

Placepot: £18.75

● Sharrood sustained a sprained ligament after his placed effort in the Arlington Million, and will be retired to the Highclere Stud.

● Clive Brittain's colt Mountain Kingdom, runner-up to Reference Point in the St Leger, is on target for a crack at the Rothmans International at Woodbine in Canada on October 18.

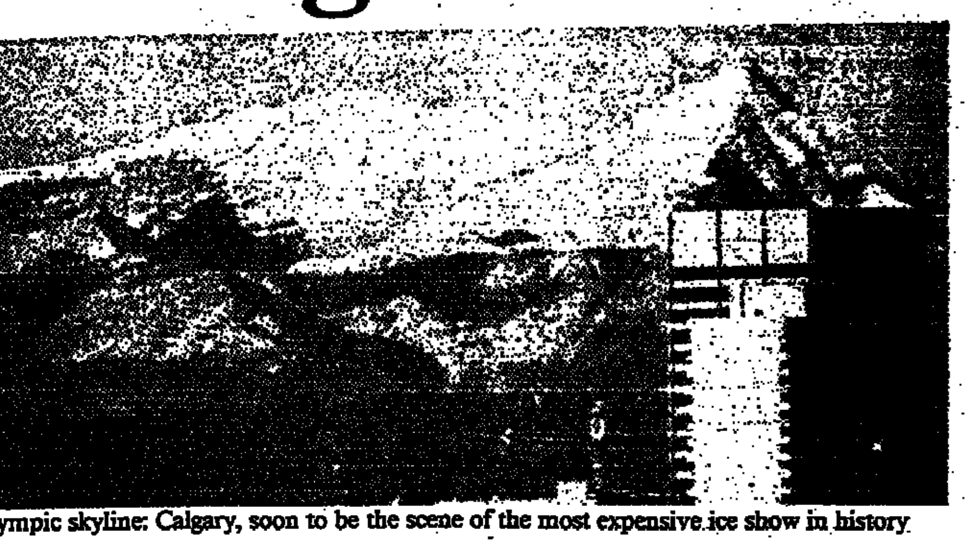
Blinkered first time

SANDOWN: 3.35 Knock Knock.
BEVERLEY: 2.15 Package Provided, Tribal Mascot. 2.45 Summer Fruit. 3.45 Ahnoora Blue.

The triumphs and tragedies of Calgary

Preparations for the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary in February next year are nearing completion.

David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, reports on the site of the most lavish Winter Games in history, and takes time out to examine a less savoury aspect of Canadian sport



Olympic skyline: Calgary, soon to be the scene of the most expensive ice show in history

It is little more than a century since the first prospecting white man trod the Alberta Plains just east of the Rockies, where this thriving city of Calgary with its population of 600,000, built from oil, cattle and agriculture, now stands.

It is both a commendable achievement, among others, for those hosting the most expensively equipped winter Olympic Games in history, and a tragedy for the dispossessed indigenous Indians: impecunious bystanders at February's sporting VIP festival at which they will receive base rate rental for car parking space on their reserve near the alpine skiing centre while they still attempt, peacefully, to negotiate with the government an equitable land settlement.

It would be appropriate if part of the £50 million post-Olympic surplus from the sponsorship windfall won by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) were to be set aside by Canada, not for breeding the next generation of Albertan bobsleigh competitors, about whose prospects they boast, but for some restitution to a dignified but displaced race.

The material development of western North American has been spectacular, but at a price for those who had evolved side by side with the hawk, the moose and the bear.

This will indeed by a spectacular Games, so long as everything works, and the organizers are not sabotaged by warm, chinook winds which can melt even the mechanical will of snow machines. They say, however, it is going to be a severe winter, with the lakes freezing to five feet.

When the bid committee with cowboy hats were successful at Baden-Baden in 1981, the Nakiska slopes of Mount Allan, 40 miles west, were wooded forest. It is only in the last 18 months that a ski resort has been created beneath the jagged mountain skyline.

The whole Olympic project has cost £500 million, two fifths coming from from federal, state and city governments and the rest from Olympic sponsorship and television sources.

Admittedly, ABC TV expects to lose US$80m on their overpriced rights deal of $308m, but the facilities established by Calgary are a mouthwatering incentive for those cities trying to fall in line in their wake, such as Sofia, Anchorage, and Lillehammer.

Bernard Russi and Ken Read designed the Nakiska Slopes, which curl like Christmas paper tracings throught the trees, and initially look disarmingly simple. Last year's World Cup events disproved that notion.

Marc Hodler, the president of international skiing, has said that this is the new technical skill hill for the future, where downhill runs demand skill on the turn and not just an unbroken "tuck" for two minutes.

The men's downhill run is 2,800 feet, from an elevation of 7,844 feet above sea level, to the base area at 500 feet above sea level. The lift capacity is 8,000 people per hour.

Jim Hunter, Canada's former downhiller, who is manager of the torch relay run, was a forerunner at the World Cup last March and says warningly: "I'm out of shape, but it was tough, and that was shown when four of the top 15 missed gates by halfway.

"It has its own character, not typically European. Make a mistake, and you won't finish. For the first time since Grenoble in 1968 we have an Olympic course with variations in terrain that test ability to adjust. Nakiska has got character as well as speed (at one point on a 67-degree rock face)."

The area is carefully conserved, with only two residential lodges hidden among the trees on a plateau just above a golf course beside the Kananaskis River.

Spectators, limited to 9,000 per event — both downhills and the men's slalom are sold out — will have breathtaking views, but will mostly need their own vacuum flasks and sandwiches.

Slightly further west towards Banff, at the small town of Canmore, is the new Nordic centre, for cross country and biathlon, said by the Soviet Union to be as fine as any.

Our group of visiting European journalists was whirled overhead by helicopter; below, bonfire smoke drifted through the pines, as the final cleaning of the runs continued, and we gripped our seats as smiling pilots in blue jeans spun us through the peaks of Mount Rendall at 10,000 feet, past Robertson Glacier and over Memorial Lake, tucked in a ravine behind Mount Kitt, where 13 perished in three light aircraft last winter.

You can be sure that anyone seeing these exceptional vistas next February will wish to return in summertime.

Olympic Park, 20 minutes from downtown Calgary alongside Highway 1 with its 6.5 million vehicles per year, is the luxurious, precision made site for ski jumping, bobsleigh and luge, costing £35m.

The combined bob/luge run, designed by GDR experts in an oil-technology exchange, is capable of maintaining its refrigerated 1,400 metres of 14 curves at temperatures of plus 28°C; the ultimate in minority interest self-indulgence.

This is going to be essentially the VIP Games. There are sponsors' lounges everywhere: even at the top of the 90 metre ski jump tower (elevation 4,100 feet above sea level), so that the President of Coke need not shiver on those days, which are regular, when the whistling cross-wind makes jumping impossible.

The £20m Olympic Oval on the University of Calgary campus is North America's first enclosed 400 metre speed skating track, and includes two ski rinks in the middle and a synthetic running track on the outside: the whole can be unfrozen and used in summer for field sports.

Speed records should fall by the hour: but don't come looking for tickets, because the Oval is sold out, as is figure skating at the 19,000-seat Saddledome, which also houses ice hockey.

Canada won the first four ice hockey gold medals, starting in 1920, but has not succeeded since 1952 in Oslo, the Soviet Union winning six times and being defeated by the United States at Squaw Valley and Lake Placid.

The Canadians are currently in a state of desperation and dilemma. Professionals are now eligible, but national heroes such as Gretzky and Lemieux, who had the nation cheering in last week's Canada Cup victory over the Soviet Union — there is no professional world championship — will be busy with the National Hockey League in February.

A Canadian Olympic side of amateurs and fringe professionals has been preparing for four years, and last week beat Calgary Flames 5-4.

FOOTBALL

Reading ban news cameras after hooliganism threat

By Ian Stafford

Reading have banned television news cameras from tonight's Littlewoods Cup match with Chelsea at Elm Park after Ken Bates, the Stamford Bridge chairman, made a personal plea to the home club.

The second division club agreed to Bates' request for the blackout, believing that the presence of national television news coverage at the match would encourage hooligans to riot and cause damage.

"Mr Bates wrote to us asking us not to permit news access to the match," Mike Lewis, the Reading managing director, said. "The latest rules on televised football say that only the home club can decide whether to allow news coverage. But we concurred with Chelsea's view that they would not be here for the football itself."

The Thames Valley Police will stage a big security operation and the arranged kick-off has been put back to 8 p.m. to enable the crowd — estimated to be 14,000 — to settle comfortably into the small ground. They will be segregated and special barriers will be placed outside the ground in Norfolk Road after the match to direct rival supporters in opposite directions.

"We are curious to know why television news cameras came to Elm Park last year to cover our match with Leeds United and have not been near us since," continued Lewis.

"The Leeds game, one of the last of the season, bore little importance and although we do not argue when the cameras come, one can only conclude that they were interested in the poor reputation of Leeds' supporters. Television news has in the past been very reluctant to agree to switch their cameras off when violence occurs and Chelsea, who have a bad reputation themselves, are trying to clean up their image."

The irony of the ban is that Reading have not, as yet, been approached by ITN or BBC news with a request to cover the match, but ITV's *Midweek Sports Special* will show highlights late tonight and could film any violence that occurs.

"This is all rather futile, as it looks as if the news cameras will not be here," added Lewis. "Although the sports cameras could pick up on the violence, I will be speaking to the programme's directors to ask if they will focus just on the football."

Bassett offers £300,000 for Hodges

Dave Bassett, the Watford manager, is prepared to pay Newcastle United £300,000 for Glyn Hodges, his former midfield player at Wimbledon. The Welsh international has not found form since moving in the summer, but Willie McFaul, the Newcastle manager, has not yet decided whether to take up Bassett's offer.

● Sunderland completed the signing of Marco Gabbiadini, York City's teenage forward, for a fee of £80,000 yesterday.

● John Rudge, the Port Vale manager, with cash to spend following the £300,000 sale of Andy Jones to Charlton, is chasing Joe Hanrahan, aged 23, Manchester United's unsettled Irish forward. United are likely to ask around £40,000 for the former Republic of Ireland youth international.

● Stuart Pearce, the captain, is keeping Nottingham Forest waiting over a decision on his contract which expires in June.

UEFA may mediate on kick-off dispute

Merthyr Tydfil yesterday involved UEFA in their dispute concerning the kick-off time of their European Cup Winners' Cup match against Atalanta next Wednesday.

The Italians told the south Wales club that the starting time of the first round second leg tie had been brought forward from 8.30 to 6 p.m. Now Merthyr, a Southern League midland division team, are demanding a pay-off of £50,000 and hope for a reply today.

"We have telexed Atalanta saying that we have made all our arrangements for the 8.30 p.m. kick-off and that they will have to talk in terms of compensation if they want us to start at 6 p.m.," a club spokesman said. "A copy of the message has been sent to UEFA and they may well have to mediate."

The reason for Atalanta's action is television. "They didn't do their homework before fixing the original time. Napoli play Real Madrid at the same time on the same night and that game is being televised live," the official said.

The Italian television network also expects to show live coverage of Atalanta's match, having paid the second division club £1.5 million for exclusive rights.

"Apparently they are being paid that amount whether they reach the final or are knocked out in the first round, but why should we suffer because of television? We prefer the later kick-off when it will be cooler."

Biter bit

A non-league goalkeeper was sacked by his club yesterday for biting a rival manager on the nose at the end of an FA Cup tie. Bob Aston, aged 31, a builder, attacked Neil Baker, the Leek Town manager, as they left the field following Leek's 2-0 win over Eastwood Hanley, in a first qualifying round replay last week.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NFLPA prepare for a long dispute

By Robert Kirley

From defense to attack: a Denver Broncos linebacker shows what is on the cards

The National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) went on strike on Monday with little chance of a speedy settlement of its dispute with the owners of the 28 National Football League teams. The strike began after the New York Jets beat the New England Patriots 43-24 in the Monday night game.

Negotiators for the NFLPA and the owners have not met since Friday and further talks were not arranged as the strike began. The picketing of training sites and stadiums is scheduled to begin today.

Numerous issues are under consideration but the sticking point is the issue of free agency, which would enable players who have played four years and served out their contracts to sell their services on the open market. Under the present system, the number of player transfers is small, compensation coming in the form of coveted positions in the draft of college players. Management argues that free agency would upset the balance of strength in the league, giving wealthy clubs in key media markets, such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, an unfair advantage in stockpiling talented players.

The owners are also chastened by the experience of Major League Baseball, where free agency has caused salaries to rocket; the average baseball salary this season is $410,000 (£248,000) and numerous decidedly average players earn six-figure salaries because of the bidding wars that free agency has created. The average NFL salary is about $250,000 (£152,000).

Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the NFLPA, has said that the union is prepared to stay out for the remaining 14 rounds of games and the play-offs. Barring a quick settlement, the owners plan to resume the season on October 4 with players who are willing to cross picket lines. Such games would count towards the play-offs and the Super Bowl. Most players would be drawn from those who attended the clubs' pre-season camps and failed to make the 45-man rosters. Others would be league players who choose not to honour the strike.

John Madden, the respected American television commentator and former coach of the Raiders, said: "The average team brought about 100 players to camp. You're talking about 60 guys for each team that know the system. I don't think all 45 players (under contract) will leave. The players might change, but the coaching staffs won't. The game plans will be adjusted to fit the personnel.

"It's not going to be NFL-calibre," Madden added, "nor will it be a bunch of guys in the park. It will probably be like a pre-season game."

Other strike issues are minimum salaries, pension benefits, job security, the size of the rosters and testing for drugs.

The NFLPA went on strike for 57 days during the 1982 season, wiping out seven weeks' worth of games. That action cost the owners $200 million (£121 million) in lost television and ticket revenues and the players lost $75 million (£45 million) in wages. Management did not use strike-breaking teams. Television ratings dropped after the players returned and the ratings suffered the following season as well.

The NFL and the American television networks agreed a three-year, $1.42-billion (£861 million) contract earlier this year. The NFLPA and the owners are seeking an agreement which would cover that period. League management contends that the networks are obliged to continue their coverage but television executives are liable to hold that games lacking a full complement of first-team players — including many of the most popular ones — would not constitute fair value.

Baseball runs into dispute

New York (Reuter) — Free agency, the central issue in the National Football League players' strike, is the source of a dispute in Major League Baseball.

The baseball team owners violated their contract with players by conspiring to limit free-agent salaries, an arbitrator ruled here on Monday. Thomas Roberts ordered the owners and the players to agree on what, if any, damages should be awarded as the result of his ruling based on a grievance lodged against the owners in January 1986.

His decision was based on a complaint by the union that several players who had become free agents received no offers from other clubs despite being considered top performers.

YACHTING

Childerley moves up as Soviet is barred

From Barry Pickthall
Pusan, South Korea

A fine win by Stuart Childerley over his Finn rivals in the single-hander class, a second for Kay Hedgecock and Ruth Rushall among the women's 470 fleet and a third for Nigel Buckley and Peter Newlands among the men in yesterday's windy second heats, kept Britain firmly in the forefront of the pre-Olympic regatta here.

Buckley and Newlands, winners on Monday, pressed the Finnish pair, Ekland and Blecheingberg and the second-placed Drontmann brothers, of The Netherlands, throughout their 470 race yesterday and now lead the class standings by nine points from Kinney and Orlov, the Americans.

Less fortunate were Jonathan Turner and Peter Allam, the top British Flying Dutchmen pair, who were forced into a capsize at the gybe mark while lying fourth. Turner, who is undergoing physiotherapy treatment for a back injury sustained on Sunday, had slowed to allow Koning and Schelling, the Dutch pair, to round the mark when Borodinov and Budantsev, the fifth-placed Soviet sailors, barrel-rolled out of control towards the mark, riding up over the stern of the Dutch before capsizing right in the path of the British pair. The Soviet mast lanced Turner's spinnaker before falling across their path. With another boat close by, they had no choice but to crash into it.

The British crew dropped to 23rd, but later recovered to finish a creditable tenth, one place ahead of Roger Yeoman and Nick Burgin, their team colleagues, before calling on the international jury last night for redress. Should they be successful, they will remain in contention with Braun and Kenny, the American class leaders.

However, yesterday belonged to Childerley, who made a perfect start at the favoured committee boat end of the line and was first to tack out towards the favoured port side of the course, where the fast-moving tidal stream swept him towards the weather mark.

Thereafter there was no looking back as the European champion increased his lead over Oleg Hopersky, the Soviet who was disqualified for "pumping and ooching" during the downwind legs of the first race in the series on Monday.

On the boardsailing course, the 12-18 knot winds and adverse tide brought the heavyweights to the fore in the form of Norway's Thomas Foyen and Kurt Frostad.

The British hold on the women's 470 class was strengthened by Cathy Foster and Jackie Patton placing fourth to move to ninth overall, while Hedgecock and Rushall now lie sixth after yesterday's fine effort.

The Soling and Tornado races were cancelled due to the high winds and two-metre sea running on their course, set furthest out to sea.

RESULTS: Finn class: 1, S Childerley (GB); 2, O Hopersky (USSR); 3, S Westergaard (Den); 4, P Semeraro (It); 5, J Irvine (NZ). British: 7, L Crispin. Overall: 1, L Armit (NZ), 18.00pts; 2, Westergaard, 18.70; 3, S Macleod (US), 19.70. British: 7, Childerley, 27.00. Flying Dutchman: 1, Y Sela and E Amir (Isr); 2, J Schonherr and N Poulsen (Den); 3, H Koning and H Schelling (Neth); 4, G Braun and W Kenney (US); 5, F McLaughlin and J Willem (Can). British: 10, J Turner and P Allam; 11, R Yeoman and N Burgin. Overall: 1, Braun and Kenny, 8.00; 2, Koning and Schelling, 8.70; 3, Schonherr and Poulsen, 13.00. British: 5, Turner and Allam, 27.70. 470: Women: 1, B and A Lemstrom (Fin); 2, K Hedgecock and R Rushall (GB); 3, J Luger and M McLean (Can); 4, C Foster and J Patton (GB); 5, S Madsen and U Riber (Den). Overall: 1, Lemstrom and Lemstrom, 8.00; 2, M Soderstrom and B Bengtsson (Swe), 11.70; 3, Luger and McLean, 17.40. British: 6, Hedgecock and Rushall, 24.00. Men: 1, H Eklund and S Blechengberg (Fin); 2, R and M Drontmann (Neth); 3, N Buckley and P Newlands (GB); 4, P Evans and S Mander (NZ); 5, M Lundgren and U Lagneus (Swe). British: A Stead and A Hemmings (dsq). Overall: 1, Eklund and Blechengberg, 5.70; 2, Drontmann and Drontmann, 14.70; 3, Buckley and Newlands, 24.00.

TENNIS

British girls optimistic of defying history

By Barry Wood

There is an encouraging air of optimism about the Great Britain team as they prepare to face the United States in the Maureen Connolly Trophy at Queen's Club over the next three days, despite losing one player because of injury before a ball has been struck.

The home team will rely on the experience of their No. 1, Clare Wood, aged 19, who is playing in this annual under-21 event for the second year. She is backed up by Torquay's Valda Lake, who distinguished herself by playing through the pre-qualifying and qualifying rounds of the Edgbaston Cup in June before losing in the third round. That achievement pushed Miss Lake from 406 in the world into the top 200 and earned her wild cards into Eastbourne and Wimbledon.

Teresa Catlin joins the team after an encouraging performance at Beckenham, where she reached the third round and lost only after a lengthy three-set struggle against Robin White. Miss Catlin, aged 18, also reached the third round of the US Open junior event earlier this month.

The team is completed by Sarah Loosemore, aged 16, the holder of the Prudential covered and hard court 18-and-under titles. The reserve is Lisa Gould, aged 20, from Essex, a replacement for Anne Simpkin, who pulled her left thigh muscle while practising at Bisham Abbey last week.

"It isn't the kind of start we would have wanted and Anne is very disappointed, but Lisa is keen to play so hopefully everything will be all right," Miss Wood said.

Though the Americans have lost only once since the series began in 1973, Britain have only been beaten 6-5 on the last two occasions. In Dallas last year, the match was decided in the final rubber which was lost in three sets. Miss Wood said: "I've been playing a lot of doubles with Valda Lake during the past year and if the doubles does become the decider then I think our experience will count."

The American team is headed by the experienced Grace Kim, who earlier this year defeated Gabriela Sabatini and is the highest ranked player — No. 85 in the world — in the event. The other members are all college players: Jennifer Santrock, Anne Grousbeck, Sonia Hahn and Lisa Green.

DRAW (British names first): Today: 2.0: L Gould (Essex) v A Grousbeck; T Catlin (Cambridgeshire) v S Hahn; 6.0: C Wood (Sussex) v J Santrock; Catlin and Gould v L Green and Grousbeck. Tomorrow: 2.0: S Loosemore (South Wales) v Green; V Lake (Devon) v G Kim; 6.0: Catlin v Grousbeck; Gould v Hahn; Friday: 2.0: Lake v Santrock; Wood v Kim; to follow: Lake and Wood v Santrock and Han.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Countdown to fireworks at Wigan

By Keith Macklin

Nation spoke unto nation at Central Park, Wigan yesterday when officials and players of the Wigan club were linked by telephone with their counterparts in Manly-Warringah in Australia. Next Wednesday these two sides will meet in the inaugural world club championship challenge match at Central Park and yesterday's exchanges launched seven days of publicity which will end with a bang, shortly before the kick-off, as massive fireworks are fired from mortars.

Maurice Lindsay, the Wigan chairman, said that the match sponsorship, by Fosters Lager, will be the highest for an individual club game. Lindsay would not reveal the figure, but it is believed to be around £25,000.

Wigan have been working at great speed to increase their ground capacity for this match, which they anticipate will attract a crowd of over 30,000. They have put in new crush barriers and developed the terracing to such an extent that the capacity is currently 33,500 and, by next week, could reach 37,000.

The game is arousing tremendous interest in Australia and a television crew from Channel 10 is flying over, not only to record the events leading up to the contest, but also to send live coverage back home.

Among the personalities involved in yesterday's telephonic link-up over 14,000-miles were Graham Lowe, Graeme West, Shaun Edwards and Andy Gregory of Wigan and Bobby Fulton, the Manly coach, and players Dale Shearer and Noel Cleal.

BOXING

Anderson retires

Brian Anderson, the former British middleweight boxing champion, yesterday announced his retirement, six days after losing his title to Tony Sibson at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Anderson, aged 26, from Sheffield, said he felt it was an appropriate time for him to end his days as a boxer. "I have enjoyed boxing and I still enjoy it but I feel I have achieved my ambition and taken my career as far as I can go."

He is employed as a sports development officer by the Sheffield Council and feels he does not have to box to make a living.

"Boxing has been great to me. I have got a house, a car and a good job and, without the sport, I may not have had any of them. It will still leave a gap in my life," he said.

Anderson, who won 27 fights, drew three and lost nine during his seven years as a professional, became the British middleweight champion when he beat Tony Burke, of London, one year ago in Belfast.

However, his aspirations of a major breakthrough at European and world level ended when his fight last week was stopped in the seventh round after Sibson had outclassed him. Anderson said that even the prospect of another bout for the British title, should Sibson ever relinquish it, could not make him alter his decision.

Boyle affirms top billing

Steve Boyle, aged 25, of Glasgow, was his own worst critic after he beat Billy Buchanan by a comfortable margin in a final eliminator at St Andrews last night, a victory which confirmed him as the leading challenger for the British lightweight title.

"Sure I am happy," said Boyle, "but I was much too anxious. I've got to learn to keep my head up, be patient and wait for my chance."

Buchanan fought with stubborn resistance, but the Dundee boxer could do nothing about a ferocious left hook from Boyle which caught him flush on the chin two minutes and 24 seconds into the seventh round

CYCLING

Sturgess gives thumbs up to Seoul velodrome

By Peter Bryan

Britain's Olympic track competitors will find a velodrome with probably the best facilities in the world in Seoul next September. That is the opinion of Colin Sturgess, the national pursuit champion, who returned yesterday from winning the silver medal there in a full pre-Games programme.

"The track is a smooth 333 metres wooden bowl which produced some fast times," he said. "But it is the off-track facilities which most impressed. The team cabins are massive compared with anything else I've experienced and are well equipped with bike racks, lockers and massage tables. The Vienna track for last month's world championships was a delight, but the one in Seoul is better."

Sturgess, still only 18, returned to live in Leicester from South Africa with his parents two years ago in order to compete internationally.

He finished seventh in the world 4,000 metres pursuit championship when all the medals were taken by the Soviets and did well to reach the Seoul final against Viatcheslav Ekymov, the world record-holder and former champion. The Soviet rider clocked 4min 32sec, but Sturgess was five seconds slower than in his semi-final ride and finished in 4min 40sec.

The Olympic village was in an advanced state of construction, said Sturgess, but was not ready for occupation. Riders and officials were accommodated in local hotels, but attempts to provide Western-style meals, he commented, were not successful and he found the food "poor and unappealing".

The Leicester rider had to borrow two disc wheels to race in South Korea (they each cost as much as his present annual grant of £600) after one of the wheels was broken in transit.

Sturgess's return to England will be short — on Friday he leaves for Australia with a five-strong amateur road team to compete in the 12-day Commonwealth Bank tour, starting in Brisbane next week. It will be something of a relaxed training trip for him; his main ambition is to go one place better in Seoul next year.

Antwerp signing

Antwerp, the Belgian first division football club, have signed the West German midfield player Hans-Peter Lehnhoff from Cologne

Duel resumption

Laura Davies, the United States' Open champion and Dale Reid, the leading money-winner, will continue their duel for the No. 1 position on the European women's tour in the Guernsey Open from October 1 to 4.

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FOOTBALL: ENGLAND CAPTAIN TO PLAY A ROLE FOR HIS CLUB THAT HE MAY EVENTUALLY FILL FOR HIS COUNTRY

Emergency involves a move to rear for Robson

By Ian Ross

Bryan Robson, the England captain, will play as an emergency centre back for Manchester United against Hull City tonight. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, has once again been forced to test Robson's versatility because of defensive problems he may, in the long term, have to resolve by plundering the Old Trafford cash reserves.

With Kevin Moran, the Republic of Ireland international defender, ruled out for anything up to three weeks and his natural replacement Graeme Hogg lacking match practice, Ferguson had little option but to reshuffle his limited pack for the first leg of the Littlewoods Cup second round tie against the fast-improving second division side.

Robson will play alongside Paul McGrath with Colin Gibson stepping in at left back and Mike Duxbury moving forward into midfield. There is also an enforced change up front, with Peter Davenport drafted in for his first full senior game of the season in place of Jesper Olsen, away on international duty with Denmark.

While Ferguson is acutely aware that Robson would never choose to take on duties as a specialist defender he remains quietly confident that the switch will prompt a return to winning ways, following the club's first defeat of the season against the champions, Everton, at Goodison Park last Saturday.

"Bryan has accepted the need for him to play in a different role. A great deal is generated from the back because the team rotates around that central defensive position and that is an area where all the top teams have tremendous strength," Ferguson said.

"We want an organizer at the back and with Moran out injured it has become all the more critical. I will be hoping that Bryan can keep the back door shut while still providing forward impetus," he added.

Blackburn Rovers meanwhile will be attempting to succeed where better sides have already failed this season. An encounter with Liverpool is always an enticing prospect for a fallen giant down on its luck. But the events of the past few weeks will ensure that Ewood Park, if only for the duration of the Littlewoods Cup game, will become the centre of attention for millions far beyond the boundaries of north Lancashire.

Depending on your viewpoint Rovers, currently adrift in the no man's land of the second division, have either drawn the round's short straw or its plum tie.

Liverpool are in quite irrepressible mood at the moment. Their televized mauling of hapless Newcastle United at the weekend constituted their fifth League win in six outings, three of those victories coming away from home and against no mean opposition.

For Don Mackay, the Blackburn manager, tonight's game will prove to be beneficial whatever its outcome. A keen student of advanced tactics and quality football, Mackay boasts an unashamed affection for the Merseyside aristocrats.

Disappointed at seeing his side slip to a narrow defeat against Bradford City at Valley Parade on Saturday he admits his flagging spirits were lifted by Liverpool's impeccable performance at St James's Park just 24 hours later.

"In trying to help my players and telling them what to do I sometimes wonder if I am asking for the impossible. Then I see Liverpool play as they did at Newcastle and realise that anything is possible. They keep it simple and basic and show exactly what can be achieved," he said.

While the chances of Blackburn taking anything other than a deficit into the second leg must be rather slim, Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, will, as usual, take nothing for granted.

"You take nothing forward from the first six games except confidence. We have won nothing at all as of yet except a few games and a lot of respect."

Bryan Robson: undertaking role of defensive linchpin against Hull City tonight

Knowles is hoping for a nostalgic blueprint

There will be nostalgia for Cyril Knowles, the Torquay United manager, as his fourth division side tackle Tottenham Hotspur, the club he served with distinction as a full back in the Sixties and Seventies.

Knowles was a member of the Tottenham side held 3-3 before a 20,000 crowd in a FA Cup tie 22 years ago; the Torquay boardroom still has photographs on the walls of the home team's goals that day. Knowles has hopes that Dobson, one of the Football League's joint top scorers this season, with nine goals, and Loram, who has returned to help Torquay to fourth position after a season with Queen's Park Rangers, will provide material for the photographers to update the 1965 pictures.

With Clive Allen injured and Claesen on international duty with Belgium, David Pleat, the Tottenham manager, is still pondering over his team selection; he may even field a formation without a recognized central forward.

Waddle and Mabbutt are available after injury; and Dearden, the goalkeeper, is on standby in case Clemence has not recovered from the battering he took in the 1-0 win at West Ham on Saturday that lifted Tottenham to second place in the League.

Dixon, who scored the winning goal against Norwich City on Saturday, returns to Reading, his former club, with Chelsea, but manager John Hollins gave no clues as to his team selection after watching Durie pass a fitness test. Hollins awaits any reaction this morning before deciding his forward force. Pates, too, may come into contention for a recall after injury.

● Mark Dennis, the Queen's Park Rangers left back, has gone to a London hospital for an exploratory operation on the knee he injured last month on his car dashboard when he collided with a lorry. Dennis has missed the last five League games for the leaders.

GOLF

Brand lines up for membership of an exclusive club

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Dublin, Ohio

Gordon Brand jun. is about to become the latest member of golf's most exclusive club. He will join the elite set of players who have represented their country in both the Walker and Ryder Cups when he swings into action in the latest of the biennial encounters against the United States which starts here on Friday.

"It is obviously a great honour to play in both matches," said Brand. "I don't think that I would have been able to look back on my career and feel that it had been complete if I had not played in the Ryder Cup. It is going to be a special week for me because virtually everything I'm doing is a 'first' right from flying out here on Concorde."

Most observers were convinced that Brand would be invited into the "club" in 1985. That summer he enjoyed another encouraging spell, as he moved towards finishing in the top 10 in the Order of Merit for the third time in four seasons, but Tony Jacklin, the European captain, opted not to select Brand. "Gordon clearly felt at the time that I should have made him one of my three selections," Jacklin recalled.

Brand felt that he had been cruelly overlooked. "I was very upset at the time," he said. "I made my feelings known because I felt that I was worthy of a place on the team. I had won four tournaments in my first three years as a professional and although I hadn't won in 1985 I felt that I was playing as well as anybody.

But looking back I honestly believe now that it would be wrong to criticize Tony for leaving me out. He knew the way he wanted to structure the team and that is why he selected José Rivero. And, at the end of the day, the team that Jacklin chose won the Ryder Cup for Europe."

Brand neither won a tournament in 1985 nor in 1986 but he unquestionably developed in terms of maturity. He is highly regarded by his peers and it came as no surprise to them when he won the Dutch and Scandinavian Opens in successive weeks this summer.

Gordon Brand jun

"Those two weeks turned this season around for me and obviously made this week possible," he added. "I didn't set out at the start of the season with the Ryder Cup as my first priority. I felt that would put too much pressure on me. I would have got uptight about winning a few extra pounds here and there to make sure that I was keeping my place in the money list. I decided that the best course of action for the year was to go out and enjoy my golf and see what happened.

"It's great to be part of a team again. This week is all about honour and pride. You put on the Ryder Cup blazer and you feel the proudest man in the world. You feel that you are a representative of everyone who ever picked up a golf club.

"In 1985 I had to watch the action on the television. I don't mind admitting that when Sam Torrance holed the winning putt there were tears in my eyes. That moment on the last green at The Belfry must have captured the imagination of every professional. It was very special and I hope, and believe, that it will be a similar story this week.

"I'll be nervous, but then I was at the Walker Cup, and I doubt whether even the most experienced of golfers does not have a bit of a dry mouth until he's hit the first shot.

"The trick is to keep your emotions under control and use them in your favour. This week there isn't a penny in prize money at stake but we all want to win in order to promote European golf. I think we can do that."

Slick start to season for Repton

Schools football
by George Chesterton

Westminster	1
Repton	2

Repton, visiting Vincent Square under conditions better suited to cricket, beat Westminster 2-1 yesterday, both sides showing skill but also early-season uncertainty.

Before Westminster had settled down Repton had a chance from a corner and, after only two minutes, Cheek just failed to tip a shot over the Westminster bar, Gillespie making no mistake from the rebound. Repton's second goal, scored by Kruger, after 20 minutes, was not dissimilar.

Repton were hardly threatened in the first half, although Cogan shot hard but wide near the interval. In the first 10 minutes of the second half they played their best football, being quick on to the ball and controlling midfield. Kruger — who is a goalkeeper turned centre forward with a good turn of speed — had another good chance, but shot just over the bar.

Westminster began to come back into the game and it was then that Williamson showed his skill in the Repton goal, positioning and handling the ball well. It was no fault of his when, halfway through the second half, Drummond shot from short range to pull a goal back. Moments later Rice, who has already scored five goals this season, was only thwarted by a fine save, and near full time he again just failed to beat Williamson when he gathered and shot from a fine hard cross by Cogan.

Arsenal wary over visit to Rovers

Belle Vue Stadium is a far cry from Wembley in April but Arsenal, the holders of the Littlewoods Cup, begin their defence of the competition tonight refusing to under-estimate Doncaster Rovers, their second-round opponents.

Doncaster have been assessed by Arsenal's scouts as "very hard-working" following home wins against Chesterfield and Blackpool in the last week.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has selected the side that trounced Wimbledon 3-0 on Saturday, adding Quinn and Hayes, last season's top scorers, to contest the two substitutes' places with Richardson, the newcomer.

While Graham and his assistant, Theo Foley, will be trying to outwit David Cusack, the Rovers player-manager who learned under them at Millwall, Graham Rix will be returning to his home-town ground to play there for the first time in his 29 years — despite showing his initial potential as a player with Doncaster's boys and under-15 sides.

Gascoigne, the England under-21 midfield player, is included in the Newcastle United squad playing at Blackpool after missing the club's last two matches with a knee injury, but may not be considered fit to start. Martin Thomas, the first-choice goalkeeper, is still injured though, and Kelly, aged 20, his understudy, retains his place in the team.

Nottingham Forest are to wait on Fleming, their Northern Ireland international full back, who suffered a leg injury in the win against Coventry on Saturday.

Brian Clough, the Forest manager, said: "We're keeping our fingers crossed. The swelling has gone down slightly and he's walking a bit better." If he is fit, their side to play Hereford United at the City Ground should be unchanged from the weekend.

Queen's Park Rangers, the League leaders, retain the same eleven who suffered the club's first defeat of the season at Oxford United on Saturday, for the meeting with Millwall at Loftus Road. Among the substitutes, however, Kerslake, aged 19, displaces Peacock for his first outing with the first team this season.

Oxford, who entertain Mansfield Town, are awaiting a late fitness check on Caton, their central defender, who took a kick on his thigh against QPR. If he is cleared, United will remain unchanged too.

Canoville, the Reading forward who has been sidelined for nearly a year with a knee injury, is unlikely to be fit for the visit of his former club, Chelsea, to Elm Park.

After scoring on his comeback against Oldham at the start of the month, Canoville, aged 25, who joined Reading for £60,000 last year, sustained a groin strain in the 3-2 home defeat against Crystal Palace on Saturday. He is named in the squad, will remain under intensive treatment up until the last moment, but the club rate his chances as "extremely doubtful".

Middlesbrough received the news that Stephens, their forward who injured his leg in their 2-0 win against Leeds on Saturday, will be fit in the all-second division match against a revitalized Aston Villa side at Ayresome Park. Cooper, the former Aberdeen player, is doubtful after bruising a foot for Villa, so David Hunt stands by for a potentially tough contest.

Bate steps down at Southend

Dick Bate, the Southend United manager, has lost his job two months after taking control at the third division club. But he has not been dismissed outright for he will still be employed on the coaching staff. Paul Clark, who acted as player-manager for the last two months of last season following the resignation of David Webb, will take charge again for the next two games while the Southend board sort out the situation.

Bate's demotion came after the board passed a vote of "no confidence" in him on Monday night. The club have lost their last six matches, collected only two points and were thrashed 8-1 at Gillingham, their heaviest defeat for over 20 years.

● Owen Oyston, a local millionaire businessman, is to buy a majority shareholding in Blackpool. Oyston, who made his fortune running a chain of estate agencies in the north-west before selling out earlier this year, is to buy 14,000 shares from Raschid Gibrail, who resigned as chief executive of the third division club last week.

● ZURICH (Reuter) — The United States still wants to stage the 1994 World Cup, an official of the international football federation (FIFA) said yesterday. United States federation delegates will formally hand over the required documents at FIFA headquarters on September 30, before the deadline.

Brazil, Chile and Morocco are the other candidates

● Tommy Hutchison, Swansea City's former Scottish international, who made his 700th League appearance on the opening day of this season, hopes to continue playing until he is 45. With West Ham United's Billy Bonds now confined to reserve team football, Hutchison, who celebrated his fortieth birthday yesterday, is the oldest active player in the League.

Belgians hoping for final chance

(Reuter) — Guy Thijs, the manager of Belgium, who was acclaimed for guiding his country to the semi-finals of the World Cup last year, has a last chance to take his side to the finals of the European Nations' championship against Bulgaria in Sofia today.

Thijs, who arrived for the group seven game with an injury-hit side, said: "A draw would be as bad as a loss." Ireland head the section, but have played two more games than both Bulgaria and Belgium.

Thijs has been forced to leave out two of his team's mainstays, Ceulemans and Vandenbergh, who are injured, but says he hopes to have Desmet leading the attack with with Scifo and Vervoort on the flanks. Claesen, the Tottenham forward, will play alongside Desmet.

Bulgaria, who have been working in a secluded training camp near Blagoevgrad for more than a week, have called Nikolov from Brage, Sweden, and Dimitrov, the veteran captain, from Saint Etienne, into their defence.

The dispute involving most of Portugal's leading players, although settled last week, should still give a stable Sweden side the edge in the Group 2 game in Stockholm. Portugal are able to select their first full-strength side for more than a year.

Sweden, on the other hand, have little to worry about on the injury front, and they are likely to stick to the team who beat Denmark 1-0 in an international in Stockholm last month.

A Swedish victory would give them high hopes of qualifying for next year's finals in West Germany and put massive pressure on Italy, the Swedes' main rivals, who face a far more difficult list of remaining fixtures.

Norway and Iceland, who have both produced good performances recently, will be fighting to avoid finishing last in Group 3 when they meet in Oslo.

Norway are bottom of the table in spite of their surprise 2-0 victory over France, the champions in 1984, in June. Iceland are next to bottom, one point ahead of Norway, whom they beat 2-1 in Reykjavik earlier this month.

Norway have named 10 professionals in a squad which is completed by home-produced amateurs, but will be without their injured captain, Thoresen. Iceland are also missing some injured key players, including Sigurvinsson and Gudjohnsen. Petursson is also absent — he has put love before football and is away on honeymoon.

Poland and Hungary, both virtually out of the running for finals, will be playing essentially for prestige in their Group 5 match in Warsaw. The teams have managed to collect only four points each from five matches.

Hungary will be without their four best forwards, who are all injured, but include foreign-based pair Detari, of Eintracht Frankfurt, and Mesaros, of Lokeren.

Wojciech Lazarek, Poland's coach, has dropped all those who play abroad, including the forwards Boniek, of Roma, and Okonski, of Hamburg, and the goalkeeper Mlynarczyk, of Porto.

Sepp Piontek, the Denmark coach, will be pinning his hopes on domestic league top scorer Claus Nielsen to end Denmark's goal famine when they meet West Germany in an international in Hamburg.

Franz Beckenbauer, the West German manager, has his casualty problems too. His three Bayern Munich midfielders Matthaeus, Dorfner and Brehme are all out.

Sponsor to the rescue

A relieved Dale Reid gets her chance to win yet another title when she tees off in the £30,000 Laing NSPCC Charity classic which begins at Stoke Poges today.

Miss Reid, who has led the Woolmark Order of Merit table since winning the Dutch Open in June, received a shock when she found that her entry was too late for next week's Guernsey Open. "I had mistaken the closing date, but luckily the sponsor gave me the one invitation open to him, and it is a great relief to be able to play," said the Scottish professional, who has won four tournaments

These victories have helped Miss Reid to season's winnings of £47,135, but with only four more counting events remaining she is being hotly pursued by Laura Davies, the US Open champion.

Two weeks ago Miss Davies captured her first European title of the season by winning the Italian Open

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): New York Jets 43, New England Patriots 24.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Toronto Blue Jays 2, Baltimore Orioles 1; Cleveland Indians 6, Oakland Athletics 3; Boston Red Sox 9, Detroit Tigers 4; Seattle Mariners 5, Kansas City Royals 1; Chicago White Sox 5, California Angels 3. Postponed: New York Yankees v Milwaukee Brewers. National League: New York Mets 7, Chicago Cubs 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Montreal Expos 2; St Louis Cardinals 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, San Francisco Giants 2.

BASKETBALL

ATHENS: European Cup-winners' Cup: First round, first leg: Panellinios (Gr) 84, Porto (Por) 82.

BOXING

ST ANDREWS, Scotland: Professional show: Lightweight: British title eliminator: Steve Boyle (Glasgow) bt Billy Buchanan (Glasgow), rsc, 7th rnd. Bantamweight: Gordon Shaw (Glasgow) bt Mark Robertson, (Kilwinning), pts. Featherweight: Craig Windsor (Coatbridge) bt Frank Monkhouse (Greenock), pts. Welterweight: Owen Smith (Edinburgh) bt Mike McKenzie (Perth), pts.

CRICKET

CLUB MATCH: Cross Arrows 224 for 4 dec. Paddington 221 for 9.
HARARE: Tour match (three-day): New South Wales 231 for 4 dec and 238 for 5 dec (P Taylor 71; A Traicos 4-76); Zimbabwe 159 for 4 dec and 161 for 5. Match drawn.

CYCLING

MÜNSTER, West Germany: Six-day team race: Fifth day: 1, D Thurau (WG) and D Clark (Aus), 271pts; 2, J Kristen (WG) and R Hermann (Liech), 176; 3, D Giebken (WG) and R Pijnen (Neth), one lap behind, 202; 4, R Guenther (WG) and S Tourne (Bel), two laps behind, 141; 5, V Diehl and J Schlaphoff (WG), two laps, 133; 6, G Frank (Den) and W Betz (WG), six laps, 94.

ETON FIVES

LONDON TOURNAMENT: Semi-finals: J Reynolds and M de Souza bt R Mason and J Mole, 3-1; R Tyler and R Lambert bt B Matthews and C Davies 3-1. Final: Tyler and Lambert beat Reynolds and de Souza, 3-1.

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester 4, Leeds 0; Coventry 6, Blackpool 0. Second division: Doncaster 5, Bolton 5; Mansfield 1, York 1.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Charlton 2, Norwich 2.
AC DELCO CUP: First round: Harlow Town 0, Bognor Regis 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Shoreham 2, Southwick 1; Preston 12, Garforth Town 0; St Helens 4, Ilkeston 1; Royston Town 1, Hendon 5; Guisborough Town 1, Thackley 0.
WESTGATE CUP: First round: Nuneaton 1, Bedworth 2; Chelmsford 2, Tonbridge 1; Worcester 1, Witney 1; Salisbury 0, Fareham 0; Hounslow 0, Waterlooville 1.
GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Taunton 5, Weston-super-Mare 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham 0, Weymouth 3.
CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Bohemians Prague 2, Tatran Presov 1.
EUROEPAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Bialystok: Poland 0, Hungary 1.

MODERN PENTATHLON

SEOUL: World junior championships: Final results: 1, S Garasimovitch (USSR), 5284pts (total); 2, S Arkadiusz (Pol), 5260, G Tiberti (It), 5224; 4, P Sartalin (Hun), 5202; 5, P Jan (Cz), 5196; 6, F Guilluy (Fr), 5192.

SQUASH RACKETS

STOCKTON: Stockton Open championship: Men's final: G Williams (Sussex) bt A Naylor (Yorks) 9-3, 9-2, 9-3. Women's final: J Martin (Northumberland) bt F Sinclair (Durham and Cleveland), 9-4, 4-9, 9-3, 9-1.
HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open tournament: Men's first round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt J Nicolle (GB), 9-7, 9-0, 9-5; F Johnson (Swe) bt J Gomerup (Swe), 9-6, 9-2, 9-3; G Hunt (Aus) bt R Hill (Aus), 7-9, 9-4, 9-0, 6-9, 9-2; Umar Hayat Khan (Pak) bt Gamal El Amir (Egypt), 9-2, 9-6, 9-0; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt Ahmed Taher (Egypt), 5-9, 9-2, 9-0, 9-2; S Vocetti (Aus) bt J Ransome (GB), 9-6, 9-0, 9-7; S Bowditch (Aus) bt B Almstrom (Swe), 9-6, 4-9, 9-10, 9-4, 9-7; M Bodimeade (GB) bt P Hill (Singapore), 9-10, 9-7, 9-2, 9-6

YACHTING

MONACO: Prince Albert Cup: Maxi challenge: 1, Kialoa V (G Kilroy, US); 2, Ondine VII (S Ashlong, GB); 3, Matador (W Hykoch, US)

GOLF

LPGA LEADING MONEY-WINNERS (US unless stated): 1, B King $438,927; 2, A Okamoto (Jap), $420,659; 3, J Geddes $386,501; 4, N Lopez $204,823; 5, J Rosenthal $199,093; 6, P Sheehan $188,799; 7, C Walker $184,717; 8, C Johnson $182,247; 9, J Stephenson (Aus), $177,283; 10, R Jones $175,516.
FRANKLIN: Greater Milwaukee Open: Final scores (US unless stated): 269: G Hallberg, 70, 66, 67, 66. 271: W Levi, 68, 68, 68, 67; R Wrenn, 65, 68, 70, 68. 272: L Ziegler, 64, 68, 72, 68; D Pohl, 67, 67, 72, 66. 274: B Kratzert, 68, 71, 67, 68; N Price (SA), 67, 65, 74, 68; T Byrum, 72, 67, 68, 67; 275: F Couples, 71, 69, 65, 70; 277: W Grady (Aus), 71, 70, 66, 70; C Pavin, 69, 67, 71, 70; M Calcavecchia, 68, 68, 70, 71; G Sauers, 71, 70, 67, 69; 278: B Jaeckel, 71, 71, 69, 67; S Pate, 73, 68, 68, 69; C Bolling, 71, 70, 69, 68; A North, 68, 71, 71, 70, R Zokol, 69, 68, 71, 70; 279: D Frost (SA), 70, 71, 71, 67; T Purtzer, 72, 68, 69, 70; R Streck, 70, 71, 66, 72; T Nakajima (Jap), 62, 76, 72, 69.
GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying rounds: At Delamere Forest GC, Cheshire: 1, Birkenhead School (R Emburey 77, G Lewys-Lloyd 84, P Gair 89), 250; 2, Alsager Comp (G McLean 86, A Flint 89, M Cross 87), 262. Best individual round: B MacFarlane (Newcastle-under-Lyme), 75. At New Battle GC, Lothian: 1, Northern Berwick HS (A Cochrane 77, D McLeod 83, S Roberts 79), 239; 2, Galashiels Acad (B Reid, 87, C Townsend 76, C Dunn 78), 241. Best individual round: A Whitelaw (Edinburgh Acad), 73.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Reading 40, Sheffield 38, Wolverhampton 34, Cradley Heath 44, Ipswich 37, Swindon 41.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Newcastle 34, Eastbourne 44.
TONY SANFORD MEMORIAL MEETING: Exeter 25, Rivett's Roos 52.

TENNIS

HAMBURG West Germany: Women's tournament: First round: W Probst (WG) bt N Jagermann (Neth), 6-4, 7-5; R Zrubakova (Czech) bt N Bykova (USSR), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; H de Vries (Belg) bt M von der Torre (Neth), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; L Meskhi (USSR) bt H ter Riet (Neth), 6-2, 6-2; A Sanchez (Sp) bt I Budarova (USSR), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; L Heike Thoms (WG) bt N Marcucci (Arg), 7-6, 7-6; C Singer (WG) bt G Dinu (WG), 7-5, 6-1; I Kuczynska (Pol) bt K Carlsson (Swe), 6-3, 7-6; L Field (Aus) bt M Bonazzi (Italy) 7-5, 6-2; M Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt K Schimper (SA), 6-1, 6-4; P Huber (Austria) bt C Nozzoli (It), 6-1, 6-1; S Goles (Yug) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; M Bollegraf (Neth) bt C Duell (WG), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; B Fulco (Arg) bt A Villagran (Arg), 6-0, 6-1. Second round: L Meskhi (USSR) bt B Bunge (WG), 6-3, 6-4; S Cecchini (It) bt C Porwik (WG), 6-2, 6-2; S Graf (WG) bt L Field (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; R Reggi (It) bt A de Vries (Bel), 6-1, 6-1; B Fulco (Arg) bt A Villagran (Arg), 6-0, 6-1
BARCELONA: Grand Prix tournament: First round: C Minussi (Arg) bt J Arias (US), 7-5, 6-2; L Mattar (Br) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 7-5, 6-0; S Casal (Sp) bt A Tous (Sp), 7-6, 6-0; M Vajda (Cz) bt P Kuhnen (WG), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt L Pimek (Cz), 6-3, 6-1; M Srejber (Cz) bt B Oresar (Yug), 6-3, 6-4.
ATP MEN'S RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Czech); 2, S Edberg (Swe); 3, M Wilander (Swe); 4, B Becker (WG); 5, J Connors (US); 6, M Mecir (Czech); 7, P Cash (Aus); 8, Y Noah (Fr); 9, J McEnroe (US); 10, K Carlsson (Swe)
WOMEN'S TOUR: Leading money-winners: S Graf (WG), $871,385; 2, M Navratilova (US), $814,352; 3, C Evert (US), $506,731; 4, P Shriver (US), $432,560; 5, H Sukova (Czech), $357,536; 6, H Mandlikova (Czech), $291,024; 7, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) $284,373; 8, G Sabatini (Arg), $269,388; 9, L McNeil (US), $263,880; 10, Z Garrison (US), $257,754
LOS ANGELES: Grand Prix tournament: Men's singles, first round: P Lundgren (Swe) bt D Visser (SA), 6-3, 6-3; D Rostagno (US) bt M Anger (US), 7-6, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt P Fleming (US), 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; E Teltscher (US) bt J Kriek (US), 6-4, 6-3; K Curren (US) bt D Goldie (US), 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; P Annacone (US) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-4, 6-3; T Wilkison (US) bt S Giammalva (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.
HEATON, Yorkshire: National Ratings Championship: Men's singles final: S Ickringill (Yorks) bt B Parker (Durham and Cleveland) 6-2, 7-6. Women's singles final: C Berry (Yorks) bt A Morrell (Yorks), 6-1, 6-0.

RUGBY UNION

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa: Tour match: Eastern Province/Border/North-east Cape XV 0, South Pacific Barbarians 60.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bryanston 12, Peterhouse (Zimbabwe) 3; King's, Canterbury 13, Sevenoaks 9; Trinity, Croydon 7, Caterham 11; Wycliffe College 4, Monmouth 17.

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: Rothmans Grand Prix qualifying tournament: Third round: R Chaperon (Can) bt D Taylor (N Ire), 5-3; C Thorburn (Can) bt T Jones (Eng), 5-2; G Wilkinson (Eng) bt B Longworth (Eng), 5-4; M Fisher (Eng) bt E Hughes (Ire), 5-4; S Newbury (Wales) bt T Meo (Eng), 5-0; K Stevens (Can) bt W Jones (Wales) 5-1, R Edmonds (Eng) bt R Williams (Eng), 5-3; J Parrott (Eng) bt L Dodd (Eng), 5-1

BASKETBALL

Soviets put success at Olympic Games first

A record entry of 147 teams will contest this season's five European club tournaments, although there will be no men's team from the Soviet Union or women's team from Bulgaria in the competitions which begin this week.

The Soviet and Bulgarian federations have withdrawn the teams so that their players can concentrate on preparing for the Olympic Games in Seoul.

The Soviet men's team lost their European title to Greece in June and are nervous about their chances of winning one of the three European qualifying berths for the 1988 Olympics.

Last season Soviet clubs reached the final pool of the men's Champions' Cup and the semi-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup, while the Bulgarian women's club, Levski Spartak, reached the last four of their Champions' Cup.

Despite their absence, the competition remains particularly strong. Tracer Milan, of Italy, which won the Intercontinental Cup this week when they defeated Barcelona, will defend their men's Champions' Cup title under a new format.

After two rounds of knock-out matches, which will be decided on an aggregate of home and away matches, a final pool of eight teams, instead of the usual six, will play a round robin which will take 14 weeks.

The leading four teams on points will go through to the semi-finals. These matches, and the final, will be played at a single venue as is the style of American basketball. The Belgian city of Ghent and Munich, West Germany, are bidding for the semi-finals and final which are scheduled for April 5 and 7 of next year.

The teams favoured to join Tracer in the last eight are EB Orthez (France); Barcelona (Spain), Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia), Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel) and Aris Salonika (Greece). The remaining two places appear wide open.

Pesaro, who were beaten in the final of last season's Cup Winners' Cup, face a strong opposition to take the trophy back to Italy from Limoges (France) and Barcelona.

Cibona Zagreb, of Yugoslavia, won the Cup Winners' Cup last season but this year move down to the Korac Cup where four clubs each from the powerful Spanish and Italian leagues form the nucleus of the serious competition.

Primigi Vicenza, of Italy, defend their title in the women's Champions' Cup which has switched to the format previously used by the men with a final pool of six teams producing two finalists.

Women's teams from the Soviet Union are playing in this season's competitions, but Riga will not be defending the Ronchetti Cup which they won

MOTOR RALLYING

Eriksson and Weber offer strong threat

Abidjan (AP) — The first leg of the 19th Ivory Coast rally got under way yesterday when the first of 48 competitors left Abidjan for Yamoussoukro in driving rain. The weather is expected to play a major role in this year's competition which features a confrontation between strong factory teams from Toyota and Nissan.

One of the favourites is last year's winner, Bjorn Waldegaard, aged 44, of Sweden, one of the most experienced drivers competing for world championship points. His fellow countryman, Kenneth Eriksson and the West German, Erwin Weber, both driving for Volkswagen and both ranked in the top ten in world championship rankings, are expected to be strong challengers. If Eriksson, the reigning world champion, has a weakness it is his lack of experience with conditions in the Ivory Coast. He is competing here for the first time.

The course offers a wide range of conditions to challenge the drivers from the city streets of Abidjan to rough off-road conditions affected by recent heavy rains. Organizers have their fingers crossed the bad weather will not lead to a repeat of the 1972 competition when none of the 45 starters was able to finish.

The first leg will take the teams 639 kilometers (397 miles) at an expected average speed of 88.26kph (54.81 mph).

OLYMPIC GAMES

South Korea rejects proposals by North

Seoul (AP) — South Korea has refused to talk directly with North Korea concerning the North's demand to be joint hosts of the 1988 Olympics.

"Since the proposed direct talks are an Olympic matter, it is desirable that three-way talks are held under the sponsorship of the International Olympic Committee," said Kim Chong-ha, president of the South Korea Olympic Committe.

Kim said South Korea's reply will be handed over to North Korea today at the truce village of Panmunjom, 35 miles north of Seoul. Last week, the North proposed direct talks between the two Koreas, saying issues holding up an agreement were mainly between them. That would bypass the IOC.

Kim visited the IOC headquarters in Lausanne last week where he talked with Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, on the North Korean proposal to gain more events than the women's volleyball, table tennis, archery, 100km road cycling and some football preliminaries offered in June. While South Korea accepted that "final offer" from the IOC, Pyongyang is demanding more sports, including the entire football competition and has threatened to organize a boycott by Communist nations unless its demands are met.

● Panmunjon — North Korea is trying to disrupt the Olympics by seeking to increase military tension in the region, United States Navy Rear Admiral William T. Pendley, senior member of the United Nations Command, said yesterday. He made the charge after rejecting North Korean claims that the command was increasing military tension.

North Korea's actions indicated it was trying to set the stage for provocations that would disrupt the Games, Pendley said. "The UNC, while working extra hard to ensure that tension is not increased, remains ready to defeat aggression," Pendley said.

The UNC represents 16 nations that aided South Korea during the war with North Korea from 1950 to 1953. North Korea has charged that UN Command forces had violated North Korea's territory and committed 12,300 armistice violations in August.

North Korean Major General Li Tae Ho claimed South Korea and its allies were trying to increase tension on the Korean peninsula. He said South Korean naval vessels and US spy planes had violated its waters and air space. Pendley denied the charges.

● Visitors to South Korea for the Games next September will be allowed to stay for 30 days without a visa, the Justice Ministry said yesterday — an increase of 15 days on the present format.

Game, set and match to British firm

By Ian Stafford

A British sports equipment firm picked up all the honours at this week's Exhibition of Sports and Leisure Show at London's Olympia against rivals from throughout the world. Dunlop won the best tennis racket category with their MAX 300i model, the best squash racket category with their MAX 600i, and the best British-made product, again with their squash racket.

The awards, presented by Jeffrey Archer, are a recognition of the recent achievements of British products and confirm Dunlop's re-emergence as a market leader after barren years when they were swamped by the growing success of foreign sportswear and equipment companies.

John McEnroe used the Dunlop 200i having previously suffered from tennis elbow. His discovery that he did not then experience the vibration problems usually associated with the condition encouraged other leading players to use the same racket, notably Steffi Graf. As a result of Miss Graf's superiority in women's tennis last year, Martina Navratilova took to playing with the racket — despite a contract with Yonex — apparently because she believed it had given Miss Graf an advantage.

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Marler 'merger' complicates Chelsea's future

By Dennis Signy

David Bulstrode, the chairman of Marler Estates, which owns the Chelsea, Fulham and Queen's Park Rangers football club grounds, is relinquishing control of the company.

Bulstrode, 47 yesterday, announced that Marler has agreed to purchase the larger Berkeley House PLC, a property company whose joint managing directors and principal shareholders are two brothers, Graham and Keith Meehan.

Berkeley House started in 1977 when the Meehan brothers converted a Victorian house in Hampstead into three apartments. The company expanded rapidly as residential property prices in London rose.

Berkeley have specialized in *luxury developments* in Mayfair and Knightsbridge and were involved in the conversion of the former West London Air Terminal in Cromwell Road. They have made £60 million worth of development in the Docklands area and recently paid £70 million for two central office blocks for private development, including the former head office of ICI.

The 'merger', which will take four to five weeks for accountants to process, will leave the existing Berkeley shareholders holding two-thirds of the new company. This means that a new board of directors will emerge and Bulstrode and his fellow Queen's Park Rangers director, Robert Noonan, will leave the new company.

Under the terms of the agreement, however, Queen's Park Rangers will no longer be owned by Marler, as Bulstrode promised when he took over from the former Queen's Park Rangers chairman, Jim Gregory on May 29.

Ken Bates, the chairman of Chelsea, and the directors of Fulham, will then be left to negotiate with the new directors of the merged Marler and *Berkeley companies over the* future of Chelsea's ground, Stamford Bridge, and Fulham's ground, Craven Cottage.

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"I don't forsee much change in the position regarding the futures of Stamford Bridge and Craven Cottage," Bulstrode said yesterday.

"I and my associates have built Marler from a £700,000 concern to today's £75 million business in nine years. We *think* Berkeley are a young and progressive team to take the company forward."

Marler shares were suspended at £12.50 yesterday ahead of the announcement of the takeover/merger. There was one recent deal between the companies when Berkeley *bought a site in Camden from* Marler.

Berkeley shareholders have agreed to the deal and David Thompson, the founder of Hillsdown Holdings, who owns 28 per cent of Marler's shares, is expected to support the new combined operation. Thompson acquired his holding in Marler from Terry Ramsden, the chairman of Walsall, earlier this year.

Since Bulstrode took over at Queen's Park Rangers he has invested nearly £1 million on new players and the team is now top of the first division. He has also announced that the artificial surface at Loftus Road will be taken up at the end of the season and talked of other ambitious plans such as the possibility of a retractable *roof for the ground* and a surface to cover the grass which would enable the club to continue to stage events such as boxing, pop concerts and American football.

Bates said that he was looking forward to discussing plans for the future of Stamford Bridge with the new owners.He has launched a 'Save the Bridge' campaign aimed at raising £15 million to buy the ground from Marler. *The company's valuation*, however, is twice that figure and Bulstrode has publicly said that if the disagreement continues an independent valuer could be brought in to settle the matter.

Marler has planning permission for a residential *development at Stamford* Bridge though Bates has the option to purchase the ground until August 1988.

Threat of dismissal is still hanging over Venables

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The future of Terry Venables remains uncertain. The man once hailed as the king of Catalonia is thought to have been deposed after a three-year reign as the manager of Barcelona, but the club yesterday delayed the announcement of a decision that had *apparently been* reached by the board on Monday night.

Venables left London last night, where he was on business, and *his fate will be* revealed today when he meets the club president, Jose Luiz Nuñez, and the directors. Nuñez, who has said that he would resign himself rather than order the dismissal of Venables, may yet be able to protect the manager he so *admires*.

Gary Lineker, who has yet to score this season, yesterday spoke up in his defence. "His contribution has been immense," he said. "The first year we won the championship, we've been second the last two years and we reached the final of the European Cup. I've learned a lot from him and I *hope to go on* learning more."

But a source close to the club is convinced that Venables has paid a personal price for Barcelona's worst start for more than 20 years. Indeed, a successor may already have unofficially been *moved*, albeit temporarily, into one of the most lavish and uncomfortable thrones in the game.

Jose Luis Romero may have been invited to step out of the shadows at Barcelona, where he is in charge of one of the reserves sides, to assume com*mand of the senior* squad. A more illustrious replacement would be sought and, if so, the board could turn to another Englishman, Bobby Robson.

They would not ask seriously for his services, since he is committed to his own position as the national manager until at *least the next* World Cup finals, but for his advice. He recommended Venables, who was appointed in 1984, and Howard Kendall, who was approached last year to become his successor.

Before the *first* leg *of* Barcelona's UEFA Cup quarter-final tie against Dundee United last March, Venables disclosed to *The Times* that he was considering leaving his post. "I've always felt that two or three years would be long enough for everybody con*cerned*," he said at the time.

None of his predecessors, not even Cesar Menotti of Argentina, had stayed for a fourth term. *Venables admit*ted that he had received, and rejected, extravagant offers from Italy, from Roma among others, but was tempted by the prospect of returning to England if not necessarily to a particular club.

The ability of Venables, who was awarded the honour of leading the Rest of the World against the Football League in August, is respected across the globe. If *dismissed* by Barcelona, he would receive no shortage of offers but he would be likely to go into hibernation, however brief, before again entering the competitive arena.

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Hello Columbus: Jack Nicklaus, the US Ryder Cup captain, welcoming Severiano Ballesteros at Columbus Airport

Meo loses a game of forfeits

By Steve Acteson

Tony Meo unwittingly committed snooker suicide yesterday and will now miss the televised stages of the £300,000 Rothmans Grand Prix at Reading next month.

The English champion arrived 20 minutes late for his qualifying match at Bristol with Steve Newbury, ranked 45th in the world, mistakenly believing the session began an hour later than the advertised time of 2pm, and forfeited the first two frames.

Newbury then ran up successive breaks of 88, 62 and 90 *to send the World* No. 20 back to London, beaten 5-0 and with his tail firmly between his legs.

Such laxness in failing to conform to the start time on the player's instructions would seem incredible for one of Meo's experience, even if the session did start an hour earlier than normal.

However his manager Barry Hearn later admitted: "Tony could have checked the start time from the print-out he was sent from the ruling body. But we gave him his time on the itinerary that we send to all our players so in *this* case the buck stops with me. I take full responsibility and will apologize to Tony."

Meo is a member of Hearn's Romford Matchroom stable, who consider themselves to be the most professional outfit in the business — and with justification for the most part.

Yet he has been late for important matches before and cannot afford such own goals *if he is to win back his coveted* place in the top 16, which he lost last season after playing well in all the wrong tournaments. Now another ranking point has been tossed away.

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Jacklin confident of first Cup win in US

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Dublin, Ohio

Tony Jacklin is convinced that his European team can trigger a golfing revolution by overcoming the United States in the 27th Ryder Cup match which starts here on the Muirfield Village course on Friday.

Jacklin, after marshalling his troops out on to the course for their first full practice session, insisted: "I have been coming over here for 20 years and for the first time I genuinely feel that we can beat the Americans on their own soil. If we do, then I believe it will change the future of the game world-wide.

"For a victory here would not only secure the future of the European tour but it would also mean that in approximately 10 years time our tour would be bigger than the one in America. That in turn would lead to the creation of a world-wide tour. *This* week there is the worried look on a lot of American faces — and so there should be."

Jacklin of course, is a master tactician when it comes to instilling confidence into his players. He underlined that at The Belfry two years ago when for the first time since 1957, Europe captured the Ryder Cup.

Even so, it was Sam Torrance's turn to raise the spirits of the team this time when he announced on board the British Airways Concorde flight from London to New York that he had got engaged at 56,000 feet to the actress, Suzanne Danielle.

Torrance, of course, was the pictorial hero of The Belfry in 1985. It was the Scot, with his arms raised on the final green, who saluted victory after securing the winning point by beating Andy North.

Now he will have every reason to remember the 1987 Ryder Cup. "Sam broke the news to us all on the flight and it really got the team buzzing" Jacklin said .

In fact the only worry among the European team, which is sponsored by Johnnie Walker, is that Severiano Ballesteros, apparently still suffering pain from a muscle tear in his back, has found it necessary to bring with him his personal chiropractor. "Seve phoned *me from Paris* to check that it would be okay and of course I said yes" Jacklin said.

Ballesteros, however, practised in the rain yesterday at Muirfield Village, the course that Jack Nicklaus built, in the company of José-Maria Olazábal,with *whom* he is expected to be partnered.

Jacklin paired his players, eagerly plotting ahead for the foursome and four-balls series, while Nicklaus, the US captain, patiently waited for his team to fully assemble.

"I did not require them to be here until tonight" he said. "I believe that two official practice days will be sufficient as most of my players know the course well."

If that suggests there is a touch of complacency about the way that Nicklaus is approaching this encounter, then forget it. Nicklaus has no intention of being remembered as the first American captain to lose the Ryder Cup on home soil.

Big chance for
Gordon Brand jnr, page 47

Nicklaus fulfils his promise

From Mitchell Platts

Jack Nicklaus has categorically refused to assist with the setting up of the Muirfield Village course for the Ryder *Cup which starts on Friday*.

It is an astonishing admission but Nicklaus, who is the president of the course which he designed and built, emphasizes his desire to play fair this week.

"I have had absolutely nothing to do with the course on purpose," he said. "I didn't want to be involved in the set up or the preparations or, for that matter, with the pin placements over the weekend.

"As far as I am concerned I made a promise to the European team that we would play on the course in the same conditions which we have for the Memorial tournament in May. I left it to the course superintendent since then to prepare the course and I think that he's done a marvellous *job.*

"The nature of any golf tournament, or event, is to produce a course which means that the best players are tested right the way through the bag. *We have had a very hot and* dry summer here but the course superintendent has top dressed the greens nine times in the last eight weeks and they will be firm and fast for the match."

Nicklaus has, however, publicised this match to such *an extent that it is already sold* out.

Slip-up costs Cecil a winner

An error by the record-breaking trainer *Henry Cecil* cost *him a £500 fine* yesterday and his stable jockey Steve Cauthen a winning ride in his battle with Pat Eddery for the jockeys' championship.

Cecil treated the three-year-old colt Quexioss before running him in the Mayfair Graduation Stakes at Windsor in May, a race he won by five lengths. But the horse failed a routine dope test and yesterday the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee *disqualified* him and imposed a £500 penalty on the trainer.

"I put cream on the horse's cracked heel 24 hours before the race, instead of 48, and it showed up in the bloodstream as a minor anaesthetic," Cecil said. "It was a mistake and not done with the intention of making the horse run faster. It was one of those slip-ups and it is the first time I have done anything wrong in 19 years. *I'm glad it came to notice. It* could have happened in a Derby and I'd like to thank the girl from the laboratory who diagnosed it."

Cecil: rare slip-up

The John Dunlop-trained Noble Bid, ridden by Willie Carson, was promoted to first place in the Windsor race.

The disqualification put Pat Eddery one ahead of Cauthen, 160 to 159, in the jockeys' championship *prior* to yesterday's racing. But Eddery increased his lead to two with a success on Sea Island at Leicester while Cauthen drew a blank at Sandown Park.

The disqualification means that Cecil actually established his record of 147 successes in a season with his Yarmouth winner Madam Cyn, and not stable star Reference Point in the St Leger. Cecil is now well on the way to a double century, although he described the target as unrealistic. "I'd be very pleased if I got 165," he commented.

The Jockey Club said in a statement later that the urine of Quexioss contained procaine, a prohibited substance, and that the source was mylipin, a procaine penicillin.

Minister is criticized over drugs

Denis Howell, the Labour spokesman on sport, yesterday hit out at "sensational and blanket accusations" about drug-taking in sport made by the Sport Minister, Colin Moynihan, in Monday *night's Panorama* television programme.

Howell said the minister's "generalized" remarks had tainted all British sports. He challenged Moynihan to spell out which sports suffered from drug-taking so the names of others could be cleared.

"*The result of these allega*tions is to cast doubt upon the integrity of the governing bodies of sport and to cause parents of young athletes and competitors immense concern that if young people are active in sport they will be involved in a morass of illegal drug taking.

"To make generalized accusations and to leave the issue unresolved is irresponsible. Any Minister for *Sport should at once have* consulted the Central Council of Physical Recreation before over-reacting to a generalized accusation by one athlete in Rome."

Moynihan told *Panorama*: "People are cheating. Action should be taken against these people to stop them cheating."

Howell called on the minister to identify which sports and events are suspected of drug taking "out of fairness to the innocent and those no affected by illegal drug-taking and to clear the name of British sport."

"I am advising *all the* governing bodies of sport to demand an unqualified assurance from the minister that their sport is not one covered by his accusations. I will call upon the CCPR to relay this advice to its many member bodies.

"I will table Parliamentary questions in order to provide an opportunity for the minister to clear the names of *those not involved*."

Running a rule over Yugoslavs

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson will tonight take his last opportunity to assess the form of Yugoslavia, the nation that stands between *England and a place in the* European Championship finals in West Germany next summer. They are about to complete their preparations for their forthcoming fixtures by taking on Italy in Pisa.

Yugoslavia meet Northern Ireland at home on October *14, the same day* that Turkey visit Wembley, before acting as England's hosts in the decisive tie in Group 4. Robson's side, assuming they *beat the Turks*, will probably require a point in Belgrade to qualify.

The Yugoslavs, who lie three points behind England with a game in hand, could scarcely have chosen more awkward opponents. The Italians have so far won all but one of their five games in Group 2. Their lone defeat was in the home of the leaders, Sweden, by an only goal.

Robson, who saw the Turks go down 4-0 in Split early last season, was impressed by Yugoslavia's attack. Zlatko Vujovic claimed three of their goals and had his finishing been as accurate later, at Wembley, England might not now be considered marginally the favourites to go through.

Tonight Yugoslavia's defence is the more likely to be examined, by Robson, the Italians and, particularly, by Altobelli. His recent striking rate suggests that he is currently as prolific an international scorer as Lineker. Of Italy's 11 goals in the qualifying series, he has been credited with six.

AAA probe on drug allegations

By Ian Stafford

The Amateur Athletic Association revealed yesterday that they will be asking Steve Cram, Daley Thompson and Ron Pickering to elaborate on their allegations of drugs misuse made during the BBC's controversial *Panorama* documentary on Monday

Cram alleged that it is possible for leading athletes to have the doping control process "bent" at commercial meetings; the programme also referred to Thompson's public claims that many British athletes took drugs; and Pickering suggested that teams and individuals from overseas have competed in Britain and avoided doping controls.

"We have taken steps to locate Cram to substantiate his allegations but he is at present in Portugal and difficult to find," said Mike Farrell, the secretary of the Amateur Athletics Association. "We will also be writing to Pickering to ask him to provide us with some concrete evidence. If they do come up with proof then we will take immediate action, but I doubt avoiding dope tests happens at any major meetings."

Farrell is expecting a letter this morning from John Holt, the secretary of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF), calling on the AAA to investigate these on-screen accusations. "I want to discover if Cram has evidence and to assure him that we have independent IAAF officials who undertake complete random testing," said Holt. "There is no abuse of the system at any grand prix event."

Holt also expressed his opinion that such statements were detrimental to the sport and criticized those who made them. "The problems we have are complex enough without people who should know better making such allegations," he said. "Cram was irresponsible and gave the impression that top athletes, such as possibly himself, get away without dope testing. We want to face this problem together and could do without such careless statements. Much as I admire Ron Pickering he too has a duty to come forward with solid proof if he has to issue such statements."

But Pickering, last night issued a challenge to the AAA and IAAF. "Show me a list of every dope test taken at international meetings in the *last ten years*," demanded Pickering. "It would be a simple thing to do but I bet they will not do this because it would reveal the truth about failures to test certain athletes. "Why do you think Coe is constantly tested? Simply because the authorities know that he is clean. But I know of numerous examples, like the Americans of 1982 and the Italians at the European Club *championships in 1985*, who took the necessary precautions, where the system has been abused.

"There are a lot of scared athletes who would like this information to come out into the open but do not want to be sacrifices. The AAA and IAAF would rid themselves of this stigma if they produced information on tests. It is the only way athletes will accept that the authorities are under*taking an honest attempt to be* rid of drugs."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Swedish surprise

Mats Wilander, Stefan Edberg, Anders Jarryd and Jan Gunnarsson will play for Sweden against Spain in the Davis Cup semi-finals in Barcelona from October 2 to 4, Hasse Olsson, decided in Stockholm yesterday.

The non-playing captain chose Gunnarsson ahead of the injured Mikael Pernfors, Joakim Nystrom and Kent Carlsson. Wilander, the French and US Open runner-up, and Edberg, the Australian champion, will play the singles.

Estoril back

Estoril golf club, near Lisbon, will hold this year's £100,000 Portuguese Open for the first time in 13 years.

Conway: Richmond return

Conway clash

Joanne Conway, Sunderland's British champion, returns from training in the United States to compete in the St Ivel international at Richmond ice rink from October 6 to 8 and will face Gina Fulton, who has been training in Canada.

Hoddle back

Monaco, the French first division leaders, are to undertake a *three-match tour of* Britain during the mid-winter break in France. They meet Rangers on February 8, Manchester United two days later and on *February 15* face Tottenham Hotspur, the former club of Monaco's England international midfield player, Glenn Hoddle.

Aouita stroll

Said Aouita captured his second Mediterranean Games gold medal in Latkia, Syria in the 5,000 metres in 13min 38.05sec.

Great Dane

Hans-Henrik Oersted, the Danish cyclist, set a world professional indoor record over 5,000 *metres of 5min* 54.344sec in Copenhagen yesterday.

NFL players strike for a better deal

The National Football League Players Association went on strike on Monday night and prepared for a lengthy dispute. Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the players' union, said: "We have been forced into this action. It is bad for the fans, bad for the players and bad for the owners."

Until an agreement is reached, the team owners plan to continue the season, starting from October 4, with players who are willing to cross picket lines. Channel 4 will continue its Sunday and Tuesday screenings of games from this season for the next two weeks, after which they will assess the situation.

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